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Under threat – the Foster and Rastrick foundry

Quick action urged on old foundry

Campaigners are urging developers to take action on an historic Stourbridge foundry set to be turned into one of the country's largest GP practices amid fears it is falling beyond repair.

Approval was granted for the Grade II* listed Foster and Rastrick Foundry site in Lowndes Road to become a 30,000 sq ft medical complex more than 18 months ago – but the site has stood untouched since, becoming a target for vandals.

Andrew Dodson, from site owners Quadrant Land Partnership, confirmed no target date had yet been set for work to begin. "There has been no progress to speak of as yet," he added.

"We may have an update in a few weeks but there is nothing to say at this point."

Cathryn Bateman, practice manager at Worcester Street surgery which would move into the new complex when complete, confirmed they were still in the dark over when the project would move forward.

Campaigners warned that the foundry, which sits alongside five other Grade II listed buildings including the foundry manager's house and the dry dock, was in "severe danger" of falling beyond repair if urgent action was not taken soon.

The West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust has now completed a report examining the future of the site. It is suggesting that the other buildings must be kept in context with the main foundry building, whether that be as a medical centre or another use such as offices.

Spokesman David Trevis-Smith said the trust had been in constant talks with Quadrant. "We are doing our utmost to be helpful and help them move the plans forward as quickly as possible," he added.

"Every day nothing happens, the buildings are falling into a worse and worse state.

"They are currently in the process of trying to agree funding with the health service, and of course funding is difficult to come by at the moment."

RESIDENTS IN BATTLE OVER MAST

Stourbridge councillors Nic Barlow and Malcolm Knowles

Protesters at the proposed site of the mast

MORE than 150 residents crammed into a village hall in Stourbridge to voice objections to a 41ft mobile phone mast being erected near their homes.

They say the mast would be too close to houses, a residential care home and a school – prompting pleas for action.

Residents fear the structure could also distract drivers as under the plans it would be installed near a bend on the busy junction of Bridle Road and Vicarage Road in Wollaston.

And they will continue their fight at another meeting on Saturday.

Mobile phone giants Telefonica O2 UK and Vodafone are behind the planning application submitted to Dudley Council to boost 3G phone coverage for both networks.

It has been designed to look similar to a lamp post.

But campaigners, who have created banners and posters aimed at halting proposals for the mast, held a meeting at Wollaston village hall, on Saturday to discuss the application.

"It is completely evident that everyone here is against the plan so we hope to get this ridiculous mast application kicked into the long grass," said Councillor Nic Barlow.

Almost 100 objections have already been lodged on Dudley Council's website, including from nearby St James' CE Primary School.

Campaigners vowed to continue their fight at their meeting next Saturday at 11am the Higgs and Sons, at The Waterfront, off Venture Way, Brierley Hill.

Speaking after the meeting, Bridle Road resident and teacher Cathy Moreton said: "This mast would be placed around 900ft from St James' school and I don't think it is right that it should be that close to a school.

SPEED

"No-one has yet proven the health risks of these masts."

Mother-of-one Jane Roden, aged 47, said: "We have enough on this junction what with the speed of traffic and people crossing the road to and from school."

Siobhan Shroff co-manager of the Woodlands residential home, in Bridle Road, said: "How can they think putting a mast so close to a residential home and other people's houses is a good idea?

"We have submitted a letter of objection."

Sixteen elderly residents from the home have also jointly penned a letter to the authority declaring opposition to the plans.

The council is not able to refuse a phone mast application on health grounds.

But it can consider the siting of the structure.

Galaxy of Star Wars fans hit road

Pictured front left to right, Callum's father Ade Loveridge and two of the drivers, Dave Newton and Andrew Higgins, with other supporters

Injured – Callum Loveridge

A LONG TIME ago in a galaxy far, far away, fundraisers from the Black Country planned a charity expedition across Europe.

Now the intrepid team of eight are preparing to set off dressed as their favourite Star Wars characters to tackle to 2,000-mile Crumball Rally from France, through the Swiss Alps and onto Monte Carlo from tomorrow to Sunday.

Money raised from the rally will be donated to the Cal4U charitable trust in aid of Stourbridge teenager Callum Loveridge. Keen motocross and bike rider Callum was paralysed last year in a BMX accident in Wolverley near Kidderminster.

One of the organisers, 37-year-old Andrew Higgins, said he and his friends had heard about Callum's plight and had begun planning a fundraiser.

And Phill and Jamie MacDonald, owners of tyre and car repairs garages LTC, based in Lye, have kitted out a BMW and a Citroen for the adventure.

Plans to tackle traffic worries

EMERGENCY measures are being drawn up as council leaders warn of traffic chaos when three main roads through Stourbridge town centre close for the demolition of the Bell Street multi-storey.

The whole of New Street, a footpath along Crown Lane and part of Bath Road – the ring road – will be closed to motorists as developers Tesco knock down the crumbling car park and ageing Crown Centre and build a £50million new shopping centre.

Council bosses admitted the project, which will take several months, was going to be a "nightmare" for visitors to the town centre.

Work on the development is due to begin in January and be completed in time to open for Christmas next year.

Minimise

New Street will remain closed while construction work takes place, and reopen as a tunnel travelling beneath the front of the Tesco store when complete.

Cabinet member for transport, Councillor Patrick Harley, revealed the demolition of the multi-storey would be carried out on a Sunday, and only last a day, to minimise impact on shoppers and motorists.

He said one of the major issues facing traffic officers was how motorists coming through the one-way system along High Street and Market Street, and from the Ryemarket multi-storey nearby, would leave when their normal route along New Street has been blocked.

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Armed police swoop after 'gun' is spotted

ARMED police surrounded a teenager after reports he was brandishing a pistol – but found it was actually an airgun he used to kill rats.

The drama unfolded after Nathan Gumley, aged 19, pulled the gun from his waistband to show a friend.

But an eagle-eyed passer-by spotted the weapon and called police, who swiftly arrived at the scene in Narrow Lane in Halesowen.

Mrs Jayne Yeomans, prosecuting, said: "A witness saw him take out a black handgun so called the police. They found the weapon in his waistband.

"It was designed to look like a semi-automatic firing pistol and requires very close scrutiny to see it is actually an air weapon."

Mr Jahangeer Aslam, defending, said Gumley, of Lydate Road, Halesowen, was on his way to take the £80 gun back to a shop in Northfield as the clip was faulty.

He had been asked by a neighbour to help control the rat infestation at his house, he said.

Mr Aslam told the court: "He accepts that it wasn't the best way to carry the pistol.

"But he thought that if he kept it concealed it was OK.

Confronted

"Of course being confronted by armed police pointing guns at him indicated otherwise."

Gumley, a qualified forklift truck driver, who is currently unemployed, pleaded guilty to possessing an air weapon in a public place.

He was given a 12-month community order by magistrates.

Gumley must also complete 150 hours of unpaid work and pay £85 costs.

Chairman of the magistrates in Dudley Mr Len Ridney also ordered that the gun be forfeited and destroyed.

He told Gumley: "You made an error of judgement, especially in the current climate where people are worried about terrorists.

"You are lucky to still be standing here now as with one false move the situation could have been different.

"Officers are trained to shoot to kill," he said.

Home is wrecked by blaze

The family home in Autumn Drive, Lower Gornal, which was ruined in the fire

A FAMILY home in Dudley was wrecked and left uninhabitable after a fire ripped through the first floor while the owners were out.

Flames destroyed the bedrooms at Autumn Drive in Lower Gornal, as plumes of thick black smoke billowed from the windows. The blaze was already well under way when firefighters were called to the house at 5.30pm on July 12.

Incident commander Mark Smith said it took the three crews around half an hour to extinguish the fire. "There was 100 per cent damage to the bedroom where the fire started, and severe smoke damage to the rest of the first floor. They won't be living here for some time," he said.

The residents and their two children arrived home around an hour after crews arrived. They are staying with family and friends. Neighbour Kenneth Sargent, 78, and his wife Barbara were evacuated from their home next door. Investigations are under way to find out the cause.

Mother to pay £200 on big cheque fraud

A MOTHER-OF-THREE has been ordered to pay £200 compensation and carry out 140 hours unpaid work for fraudulently cashing four cheques, totalling £10,000, from the account of a solicitors firm.

Debbie Smith, aged 33, was recruited by a person she met in a pub and received only £50 for each of the cheques she cashed, Dudley magistrates were told last Friday.

Smith, of Blowers Green Road, Dudley, admitted four charges of committing fraud by cashing cheques to the value of £2,500 from the account of Peter Chalal Solicitors, Dudley, at a previous hearing.

Naive

Magistrates said while they accepted Smith was not "the brains" behind the fraud she had been "very naive" to get involved. She was also given a community order to run for 12 months.

Mrs Jane Yeomans, prosecuting, said the cheques had been cashed between December 22 and 29, 2009. Smith gave the money to someone known only as 'M', said Mrs Yeomans. "She received £50 for each of the cheques cashed, a total of £200, which she spent on Christmas presents for her children."

Mr Shabeer Qureshi, defending, said Smith ws recruited by someone she met in a pub "and acknowledges the danger bells should have been ringing straight away".

What a knight for pupils

Oliver Wells, Luke Tandy, Matthew Pennington and Joe Sprague who took part in Ridge Primary School's show

THE FANTASY world of Camelot set the scene for a new Black Country school production last week.

Around 90 pupils from The Ridge Primary School, in Wollaston, Stourbridge, took to the stage in their production What a Knight.

The show is a new take on the Medieval folklore of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table and ran until last Thursday.

Children were in rehearsals for the past six weeks with many of the top roles taken by Year Six students.

Costumes and the set have been painstakingly created by staff and parents in preparations for the production at the school, in Gregory Road.

Year Six teacher Emma Jewkes said everyone enjoyed putting the show together ready for family and friends. "We have done shows in the past but this is something a bit different and I think everyone really likes it," she said.

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More and more among council's high earners

THE NUMBER of staff paid at least £50,000 in a year by cash-strapped Dudley Council has increased by more than 10 per cent.

The total went up by 44 over the course of a year – meaning 364 workers took home more than £50,000.

Ten of these included redundancy payments. It comes as the council tries to save £22million and looks to shed 800 jobs as part of budget cuts.

The total wage bill for people earning more than £50,000 cost the council £21.2 million in the 2010/11 financial year.

Of the workers now paid more than £50,000, there are 202 school staff, with the rest employed by the council, including 29 senior managers and officers.

One person earned between £125,000 and £130,000, while six raked in £95,000 to £110,000.

Some 145 staff earned £50,000 to £55,000 in the 2010/11 financial year, which is up by 15 on 2009/10.

Pension

There were 22 people being paid £65,000 to £70,000, 26 were on £70,000 to £75,000, and 27 got between £75,000 and £100,000.

The salaries of more than £50,000 cost at least £21.2m a year in total – up from £18.6m the year before.

Chief executive John Polychronakis received £161,000 last year, including a £20,000 pension contribution.

Councillor David Blood, cabinet member for finance, said: "The increase relates to people receiving increments and redundancy payments which are also included in remuneration."

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Art show attended by mayor

STUDENTS from a Stourbridge college have welcomed the Mayor of Dudley to the launch of their latest art exhibition.

Councillor Michael Evans attended the event at the Glasshouse College, in Amblecote, Stourbridge, last Friday.

The charity-led college is based at the former Royal Doulton Glass Works in Amblecote.

It educates young people aged 16 to 25 who have behavioural, social and learning difficulties.

Students come from across the country to learn through traditional crafts such as pottery, weaving and glass making.

They study at the college for three years, usually on a residential basis.

The exhibition is open to the public throughout the summer.

It will include a variety of work from the college's third year students.

Back row, from left, Tony Boardman, Kevin Smith and Bryn Thomas, and front, Rob Hawk, Kim Pearlman, Alexander and Tim Churchman

Pub chief pitches in with charity cricket

A PUB MANAGER is taking on his local village veterans' cricket team in a charity match.

Tim Churchman has declared "the battle of Belbroughton" on against the Strollers side.

He is manager of The Queens pub and restaurant in Belbroughton, near Stourbridge, which recently became the catering sponsor of the village veterans' team.

And he decided to raise a team to play a charity cricket match against them, with profits donated to Chadsgrove School, Bromsgrove, which is attended by his 15-year-old son, Alexander.

Chadsgrove is a special day school for children with a physical disability and many pupils also have additional sensory, communication or learning difficulties.

Tim said: "Alexander has flourished at Chadsgrove and I am very happy to be able to do something to help raise funds for the school."

The Queens will go head to head with the Strollers on July 31 in a 10-over match at Belbroughton Cricket Club, with both teams battling for local victory.

Tickets to watch are £2, including an automatic entry into a prize draw, and are available on the day of the match, in advance from The Queens or through the pub's website **www.thequeensbelbroughton.co.uk**

Residents given top priority in the care home crisis

COUNCIL chiefs across the region said they were working closely with social care bosses following the collapse of care home operator Southern Cross.

Bosses have met managers of homes in the Black Country after the announcement that the company was to close and transfer operation of the homes to its landlords.

Southern Cross employs 44,000 people nationally and runs some 20 care homes in the Black Country.

Council chiefs in Dudley said they were working to make sure Southern Cross residents were the top priority.

Other care homes affected in the Black Country and Wyre Forest include Ashbourne in Dudley, Ashgrove in Netherton, Bryden House in Kidderminster, and Redbrick Court in Wordsley.

Dudley Council cabinet member for adult, community and housing services, Councillor Lesley Faulkner, said: "We are working with colleagues in health and other local authorities, regionally and nationally, to ensure the interests of residents in Southern Cross care homes are protected."

Family

Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris recently visited Southern Cross' Roxburgh House care home, in Reddall Hill Road, Cradley Heath, to discuss the future for staff and residents.

"Obviously this news is very concerning for residents of Southern Cross care homes and their friends and family," said Mr Morris.

"It is important that the landlords of these care homes take the time to consider the implications of any decision they make regarding their future use."

Diploma for good sports

THREE students at Halesowen College, including one from Stourbridge, have won sports leadership awards for clocking up 600 volunteer hours between them.

Rachael Dawes, Andrew Moorby and Daryl Hart, all aged 18, were put forward in the Dudley School Sports Partnership Awards for their commitment to sport and helping others.

Rachael, of Halesowen, has completed nearly 200 hours of volunteering in the community helping out with various sports. The ex-pupil at Crestwood School, Kingswinford, is studying the Level Two Diploma in Sport.

Andrew, of Sedgley, has completed well more than 200 hours of volunteering and helping out with various sports and clubs and Daryl, of Norton, Stourbridge, has also clocked up more than 100 hours working with the sports partnership. Both are in their second year of a level three extended diploma in sport.

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How Hippodrome man saved pensioner's life

A PENSIONER who collapsed outside the Birmingham Hippodrome has told how his life was saved by a member of staff – who had just completed a first-aid course.

Grandfather-of-two Malcolm Beese, aged 73, was with a friend John Preston, 63, eagerly awaiting the stars of Calender Girls who were performing at the theatre.

Mr Beese, of Brierley Hill, was waiting to get autographs from actors including Bernie Nolan and Gary Lineker's wife Danielle, when he was taken ill and collapsed at the stage door.

The theatre's head of customer services Jonathan Thompson, was among the first to help Mr Beese. He spotted the signs he had learnt about in a first aid refresher class with St John's Ambulance.

Paramedics

He put Mr Beese into the recovery position while staff called for an ambulance. But after discovering he was not breathing, Mr Thompson began performing the kiss of life and chest compressions until paramedics arrived. The theatre has its own defibrillator and staff are trained by St John's Ambulance service.

"The work that Jonathan did to keep me alive – I can't put it into words," said Mr Beese, who has been married to Jessie Amy for 48 years.

Mr Beese, a retired kitchen carpenter and metal forging engineer, brought Mr Thompson a bottle of whisky and a card to say thank you. He has had to have six heart bypass operations but is now on the road to recovery.

"The paramedics used the defibrillator, and it was successful," said Mr Thompson, who has worked at the theatre for nine years.

"It was such a relief, and mixed emotions of shock and pride, that I had been able to make a difference and help save someone's life. They said it was the chest compressions I had delivered that saved his life – that is something that will stick in my mind forever."

Jonathan Thompson, with Malcolm Beese, 73, whose life he helped save

An 'inevitable' sentence for the baseball bat attacker

A MAN who attacked a woman with a baseball bat in Dudley and assaulted another man has been warned he faces an "inevitable" jail sentence.

Richard Marsh, aged 42, of High Street, Quarry Bank pleaded guilty to grevious bodily harm against Sarah Blakemore at Wolverhampton Crown Court on July 12. He also admitted common assault against Philip Worrall, though denied assault causing actual bodily harm. He was released on bail until August 3, when he will be sentenced, while reports are prepared.

Judge Amjad Nawaz told him he had pleaded guilty to an "extremely serious" offence. "A custodial sentence is inevitable," he said.

Mr Gurdeep Garcha, defending, told the court Marsh was aware a custodial sentence was likely, adding: "There is much about this man that is positive."

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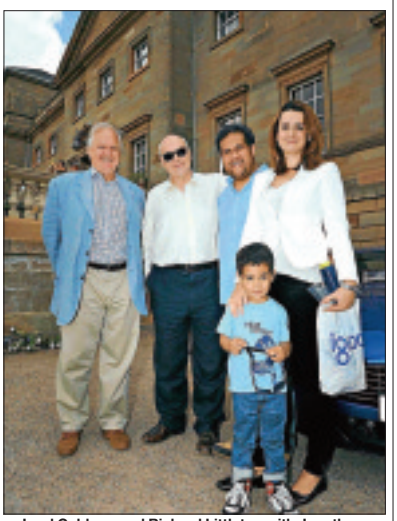

Lord Cobham and Richard Littleton with Jonathan, Joshua and Sandra Lemalu at the Hagley Hall event

Stately fun day aids quake city

VISITORS packed out the grounds of an historic hall for an event to raise cash for a New Zealand city devastated by a recent earthquake.

Hundreds of people arrived at Hagley Hall, near Stourbridge, for the event on July 10 to help raise more than £40,000 for the city of Christchurch, in New Zealand.

Members of Hagley Cricket Club squared off against the London New Zealand Cricket Club for a match, and Stourbridge Rugby Club organised a mini-tournament for the day.

Visitors were also treated to a display of classic cars, including vehicles put on show by the Bromsgrove and District MG Club.

Members of West Midlands Fire Service, who travelled to Christchurch to help in the aftermath of February's earthquake were also on hand to answer questions.

Among them was 38-year-old firefighter Jim McParland, of Hyde Lane, Kinver, who was a part of the search and rescue team.

The centrepiece was an aerial display by the Twister Duo who flew their aircraft in a series of moves above the stately homes.

A concert also in aid of the Christchurch charity was held at the hall on Saturday and featured a performance by New Zealand-born bass baritone Jonathan Lemalu. The concert was organised by Lord Cobham's brother, Richard, who worked in the music industry for many years.

Visitors Andrew and Eleanor Westley took their 16-month-old son James to enjoy the show. Andrew, 30, a business analyst from Spennells, Kidderminster, said it had been an excellent day. "I think our favourite part was probably the aerial display which was just wonderful," he said.

Betty and Ray Handley, of Lutley Lane, Halesowen, also enjoyed the day with their 46-year-old daughter Debbie Field. Mrs Handley said: "It has been a really nice event and the weather has been good."

Lord Cobham said he had organised the event because of the bond between his family and the area of Christchurch. "I am delighted these events have been such a success and would like to thank everyone who has attended," he said.

Ray Handley and Betty Handley, both of Halesowen, and Debbie Ford, of Bromsgrove, enjoying themselves at a fundraising day which was held at Hagley Hall on July 10

Fire team in crash exercises

FIREFIGHTERS from Dudley have been taking part in a major training exercise to help prepare them for dealing with road crashes.

Eleven fire engines and crews including technical rescue specialists, joined with colleagues from West Midlands Ambulance Service's Hazardous Area Response Team, at the site of Ketley Quarry in Kingswinford for the scenario which involved an smash between two cars – with one of the vehicles falling down the 160ft embankment to the bottom of the quarry.

The exercise tested interagency working in a challenging environment.

Charity closing two offices in shake-up

A CHARITY in Dudley is to close two of its offices and open a new, bigger base at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

Age UK Dudley will take over the running of the Shopmobility wheelchair and scooter hire services at the centre from the start of August.

It plans to close its trading insurance and information offices in Birdcage Walk, Dudley, and Mill Street, Brierley Hill and transfer the staff and volunteers to Merry Hill where it already runs an activity centre.

Bosses said the new base at the current Shopmobility office, opposite the cinema car park, will allow more people to access its services, which are used by thousands of Dudley pensioners every year.

They include the day care, foot care, gardening and good neighbour schemes as well as advice and information and the exercise and IT classes.

Chief officer Sally Huband said the charity was also looking at offering an "outreach" service in Dudley town centre to avoid leaving the area entirely. It is hoped a part-time service can be set up although this has not yet been confirmed.

"Age UK are certain that everyone that currently visits these two offices will appreciate the newer and bigger surroundings," she said. "There will be lots more to see at Shopmobility Merry Hill and staff and volunteers are really looking forward to welcoming to visit their new home," she said.

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Glass factory repairs to start after arson attack

WORK to repair damage caused by arsonists at a historic former glass factory is expected to start next month.

But first special consent must be granted to develop the Grade II-listed Stuart Crystal Glassworks in Wordsley. And site bosses fear any further attacks could hinder the process.

Once the repairs have been done, planning can continue for a £5 million glass museum linked to the nearby Red House Glass Cone, via an underground tunnel.

There were fears the building would have to be demolished but engineers declared the main structure could be saved.

The roof collapsed during the blaze in May, which also gutted the building and damaged some of the walls.

Since then there have been a number of vandalism attacks, including a fire three weeks ago in one of the other six units on the site.

David Freer, director of site owners Complex Developments, said today: "Engineers are currently working on the drawings for the plans but it is necessary to get listed building consent.

Urgent

"A planning application would need to be made but due to the urgent nature of the work we are hoping it may be waived. With a good head-wind we should be getting started within six weeks."

Mr Freer, who has previously spoken of his "constant battle" against vandals, warned any more fires could cause problems.

He said: "If any further damage is caused to the site then it would increase costs and slow down the plans even more."

Chip shop plans are approved

PLANS to transform a former Stourbridge pub into a fish and chip restaurant and takeaway creating up to 30 new jobs have been approved despite opposition from other fast-food bosses.

Spiros Bojouri wants to open the new business at the former Vine pub in Wordsley, which had previously been Mad O'Rourke's Bar and Grill.

It follows the launch of his first Goodies fish and chip shop and restaurant in the former Four Furnaces pub in Pensnett High Street last year. Members of the development control committee backed his plans for the new business on July 11.

Councillor Geoffrey Southall said: "There have already been two fires in the old Stuart Crystal buildings. If the pub was brought back into use and there were people on site, it might act as a deterrent."

Objections were lodged by Brettell Lane Chippy at Amblecote, Wordsley Chippy, Wollaston Fish Bar and Amblecote Fish Bar.

Pub car wash will not open

PLANS for a car wash in a Dudley pub car park have been refused amid fears it would lead to tailbacks on the Birmingham New Road.

Under the proposals, the business would have been open seven days a week at the King Arthur pub on the corner of Priory Road. But councillors threw out the application on July 11, saying the car wash would also be an eyesore.

Councillor Geoffrey Southall said: "These car washes are springing up everywhere like mushrooms. They do nothing for the character of an area."

Councillor Colin Banks agreed, saying: "I think it will look awful".

Councillor Rachel Harris said she was concerned about the impact it would have on traffic. "It will cause traffic to back up on the Birmingham New Road. It will make it more dangerous," she said.

Saddle up for charity rides

KINGSWINFORD health worker Alice Blakemore is to cycle through four countries to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation.

At the end of this month, Alice, 25, will face mountains and valleys as she cycles 150 miles from the Midlands to Cardigan Bay in West Wales.

Then in November, Alice, who works for the NHS in Wolverhampton, will cycle along roads from Vietnam to Cambodia.

Help Alice by visiting **http://original.justgiving.com/aliceblakemore**

Games staff count cost of fire

A firefighter examines the damage inside the Gamestation shop

Police keep crowds away from the fire on July 9

BOSSES from the Gamestation store just outside the Churchill Shopping Centre in Dudley are counting the cost of a blaze in the shop.

Fire broke out at 2.45pm on Saturday, July 9. Shoppers and staff at the nearby precinct had to be evacuated as thick black smoke billowed into the air. Laura Maritza, aged 23, of Aldridge, was one of the workers who had to be evacuated from the Perfect Home store in the precinct.

"It just started off a little bit of smoke from the Game Station shop," she said. "The alarms went off so we came outside. From that point on it just seemed to get worse."

Steve Potts, aged 45, who has run a stall on Dudley Market for 15 years, said: "We just did not know what was happening at first. The fire engines and police came into the town and then we saw the smoke."

Fire crews used high-powered water jets to stop the fire spreading to neighbouring shops and were able to contain the fire solely to the Gamestation store.

Officers with breathing equipment and thermal imaging cameras were posted at the neighbouring Card Factory and Teddy Grays sweet shop to ensure the flames did not break through.

Nearby New Street and Castle Street were closed off to traffic and fire engines parked up along the carriageway to tackle the blaze.

Police set up a diversion along Priory Street, taking traffic out of the town centre while the fire was being extinguished.

Structural engineers were called to the scene to ensure it was safe for fire crews to enter. The fire caused significant damage to the building.

Now fewer jobs will be axed at council

THE numbers of workers facing compulsory redundancy at Dudley Council has dropped.

It had been thought 52 were facing the axe, but bosses say they have now managed to find new jobs for a dozen workers. Another two are on trial periods in other roles.

Bosses want to lose 427 posts by next April and almost 350 have left the council through voluntary redundancy terms. New figures show that 25 people have now left through compulsory redundancy. It is thought the compulsory job losses will largely come from the children's services, adult social care and housing departments.

Trial

Council leader Les Jones said: "In May, cabinet agreed to 52 compulsory redundancies. However, 12 of these have now been successfully redeployed while a further two are taking part in trial placements.

"Sadly we have been unable to redeploy 25 people who have left the authority, and we are continuing to work with the remaining 13 on redeployment. So far 347 staff have been approved for voluntary redundancy."

The cuts have been announced after the authority revealed it needs to save £22 million by March 2012.

There are also plans in place to axe 800 posts by March 2014.

A total of 1,128 requests for voluntary redundancy were lodged by February but 535 were turned down on the basis that the council cannot lose the posts.

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Evidence withheld over brothel case

POLICE withheld evidence that casts a "serious question mark" over the conviction of a Black Country man who is serving seven years for running a brothel, a court heard.

A judge said he was "greatly distressed" by the claim that officers did not disclose a witness statement in the case of Carl Pritchett, which suggested prostitutes were working at the Cuddles Massage Parlour in Bearwood voluntarily.

Pritchett's case is now being examined by the Criminal Cases Review Commission, and Judge Michael Dudley said he was writing to the country's top prosecutor.

Pritchett, aged 57, of The Parade, Dudley, was jailed for running Cuddles in Hagley Road in 2006.

It followed a raid on the brothel in 2005 when police found 19 foreign women employed as sex workers.

Jailed – Carl Pritchett

Pritchett appeared before Judge Michael Dudley at Wolverhampton Crown Court July 12 for a hearing under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

Judge Dudley revealed Pritchett had handed him papers at a previous hearing, which he had now read.

Distressed

He said: "There is information in there undermining the conviction, that the police were in possession of a statement revealing people were working in these premises voluntarily 16 days before the raid took place."

He said police had publicised the raid as an operation to rescue women who had been trafficked into the country.

"I'm pretty sure I was told at the time of the trial there were no statements from prostitutes that in any way undermined the case. But there patently was, 16 days before the raid."

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Keiley Gartland said the force would cooperate fully with any review.

Jobs on offer at restaurant

FORTY new jobs are being created at a Dudley fast food restaurant.

McDonald's franchisee, Afia Sirkhot wants to increase the workforce at the Castlegate branch from 60 to 100. In November, the restaurant started opening 24/7, which has been a hit with customers prompting the need for extra workers.

Mrs Sirkhot said the available positions were "across the board".

Pupils have a whale of a time in art class

Xyra Fernandez and Brad Edmunds, both aged 14, from Summerhill School, with the huge whale painting

PUPILS had a whale of a time creating a new painting at their school. A 30ft image of a humpback whale was painted by students at Summerhill School in Kingswinford.

The idea was dreamed up by head of art at the Lodge Lane school Jackie Lander, who also encouraged pupils to adopt one of the mammals in the Atlantic. "I am interested in whale watching and we have got the children interested in it over the course of the last two or three years," she said.

"We wanted to give the students a real sense of the scale of a whale which led to the painting, although it is actually only half the size of a humpback whale. It includes a diver to show what they are like compared to a person."

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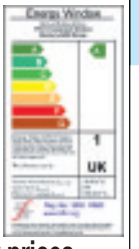

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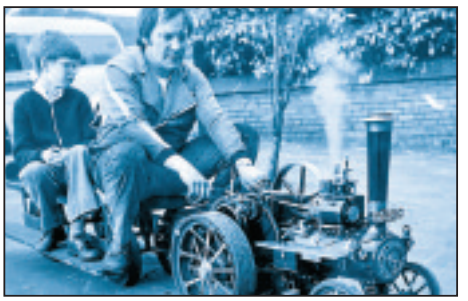

Lessons in steam . . . back in the 1970s when Len took one of his model engines on a visit to a school in Dudley

Jane and Len Crane with their lovingly restored 1902 Burrell Patent Engine and, inset, the same machine after an accident in 1939

A-traction for steam proves winning way

LEN Crane was just a boy of 11 when his passion for steam engines was sparked.

"They say as you get older your toys get bigger," smiled the 78-year-old, who with wife Jane has been honoured with a lifetime achievement award recognising their contribution to the repair and preservation of engines.

The Wolverhampton couple met in 1953 through a mutual love of motorcycle racing and for 30 years, owned their own business, Leonard Crane Transport Ltd, in Tividale.

Mr Crane, who hails from Lanesfield, became interested in steam engines at 11 when he started building model steam engines. He is perhaps best known as the former chief engineer of the Bratch pumping station in Wombourne.

Celebrate

Even since his retirement in 2001 Mr Crane has continued to host open days at the attraction, welcoming hundreds of people from all over the country to view the engines he has lovingly restored.

It was his turn to travel when he and his wife, who celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary this year, went to Trinity House in London where they were awarded the Transport Trust award by Prince Michael of Kent. Speaking about the award, Mr Crane said he was delighted his wife – for so long a supportive presence on the sidelines – had been recognised.

Jane with the the 1925 restored Marshall steam-roller that Len gave her for her 50th birthday

"It was marvellous. Usually I win cups and trophies but it's always me who receives them, with Jane in the background," he said. "All of a sudden though, we receive a letter in April from the Transport Trust for a joint award."

Mrs Crane added: "We were so honoured. Prince Michael was absolutely charming and spoke to each of the award winners individually, about his own personal experiences on a steam boat.It's just so nice to receive the award – tea and rock buns are usually my recognised speciality."

Sixty-seven years since he set out to make his first model, Mr Crane has restored five engines, some of them weighing up to 400 tons and worth £250,000.

The couple can be found most nights at their yard in Wombourne, working on the engines.

For eight years, however, the only space available was an opening behind their garden hedge, working in what Mrs Crane described as "very inclement weather".

Fortunately, a corner of a unit in Wombourne was offered to them by personal friend John Wootton, who also organises the steam section of the West Park Show.

Mrs Crane continued: "I usually join Len in the afternoon in the yard to help, and we can be there until 9 or 10 some evenings."

Mr Crane has just completed nine years' work renovating Endurance, a 1902 Burrell Patent Engine that he found in Milborne Port, Dorset. With his wife he managed to buy, strip down and rebuild it, right up to the final paintwork.

It was displayed at the beginning of June at Wolverhampton's West Park and has been on show at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley, since then.

Mr Crane has, alongside his lifetime's work on steam engines, also won the Motocross British Championship twice.

He had just returned from two years' National Service with the Royal Engineers on the day of a very special motocross race.

Incredible

A 14-year-old Jane happened to stroll by as he was preparing, and offered to help.

One date to the pictures, and 57 years of marriage later, they have one daughter and are still working to rebuild incredible feats of engineering.

His completed 1925 Marshall Steam roller was presented, adorned in ribbons, to his wife for her 50th birthday. In 2010 daughter Brigitte rode to her wedding on a huge 1928 Fowler Crane belonging to her father.

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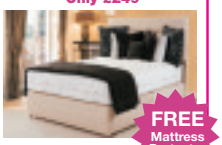

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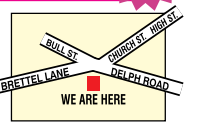

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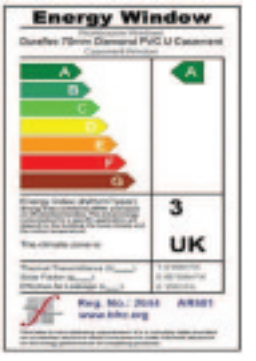

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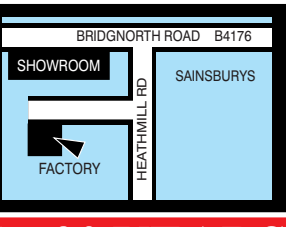

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Brothers Steve Edwards, 27, and Tim Edwards, 24, in their Only Way is Dudley T-shirts

Black Country residents launch counter-attack to Essex TV reality show

The only way is Dudley say Facebook followers

IT MIGHT not be known for having the glamour of Essex, but thousands of people believe Dudley is the only place to be.

The antics of perma-tanned young Essex revellers have inspired a Black Country resident to set up a group singing his area's praises.

A Facebook page called The Only Way is Dudley has now got more than 5,000 fans and is growing by the day.

T-shirts have even been produced emblazoned with the group's logo, which features Dudley Castle.

Steven Edwards, of Brierley Hill, started his campaign after watching hit reality show The Only Way is Essex on ITV2.

The programme documents the activities of a group of friends in Brentwood.

Offer

The factory loader, aged 27, said he wanted to showcase what Dudley borough has to offer.

Members of the group are encouraged to post photos of their antics and discuss what is going on across the borough.

A fake "cast list" has been set up on the site featuring bands and well-known characters from the town.

Members send in pictures of their nights out at pubs such as The Mitre in Stourbridge and the Bluebrick in Brierley Hill.

Mr Edwards' girlfriend Rebecca Turner, 26, is a budding model and has put some photos on the site to add a bit of glamour.

Mr Edwards, of Gorsty Avenue, declared: "I saw the TV show and I thought Dudley deserved to get some recognition. People don't realise the history the place has got and in some ways it seems to have been forgotten," he added.

"The group gives people a forum to talk about what's good and bad about the place."

The tops were made by online store The Black Country T-Shirt shop.

The Only Way is Essex has been attracting up to a million viewers and even scooped the Youtube Audience prize at the Baftas.

Each week it shows the "stars", who range from personal trainers to beauty therapists, going clubbing and organising parties.

Among the cast is nightclub promoter Joey Essex who uses the catchphrase "totally reem" to mean something is good.

Different

Mr Edwards added: "Dudley is full of down to earth people and there are quite a few council estates – so a Dudley version would be completely different to the Essex show.

"It would be amazing if someone did a documentary like that here because it would be full of real people."

A third of drug dealers now go uncharged

FEWER than a third of people arrested for drug dealing in the West Midlands last year were charged, new figures have revealed.

A total of 1,272 suspects were arrested for possession with intent to supply substances such as cocaine and heroin, with 826 released without any further action.

Figures obtained under the Freedom of Information Act showed just 393 people were charged with the offences in the West Midlands.

A further 21 people were cautioned, 28 people were given police bail, two cases are pending and two are awaiting a report.

Of those arrested, 199 were accused of dealing heroin and 123 of dealing cocaine.

Most were accused of dealing cannabis, with 359 arrests made.

West Midlands Police spokesman Steve Garey said: "Arrests do not automatically lead to charges.

Crackdown

"Since April, Operation Serve and Protect has seen the serving of several high-profile drugs warrants as part of a wider crackdown on crime."

Staffordshire Police has revealed that out of 425 people arrested for charges of possession with intent to supply, drug production and for allowing a building to be used for supplying drugs, 237 were charged.

West Mercia Police arrested 54 people for possession with intent to supply last year and of these 37 were charged.

The remaining 17 people received an alternative disposal, such as an out of court disposal.

Jail put on hold for stylist

A HAIRSTYLIST for soap stars has been given a suspended jail term for growing cannabis worth more than £1,000 at his home.

Kashaun Hillocks, aged 26, was jailed for 12 months suspended for 18 months after a court heard he had turned his life around since being arrested at a rented bedsit in Alexander Hill, Quarry Bank in September.

A total of 36 plants were seized. But Mr Jon Swain, defending barrister, told Wolverhampton Crown Court that his client won an award in 2007 for his skills.

He said Hillocks had now got help for his 10-year addiction and was back in work with Hollyoaks and a company called 6D.

"He was employed to do the hairstyling for those people," Mr Swain said. "He is a very capable young man and there seems to have been big change in his life."

Hillocks, now of Wells Road, Brierley Hill, admitted one charge of production of cannabis. In addition he was sentenced to 200 hours' unpaid work and told to pay £1,200 costs.

Woman who stabbed victim too ill for sentence hearing

A STOURBRIDGE woman facing a "substantial" prison sentence for stabbing another woman in the neck was too ill to attend court to be dealt with, a judge has heard.

Denise Beckford, aged 32, of Talbot Street, Lye, Stourbridge, was due to be sentenced at Warwick Crown Court for the stabbing.

Beckford's barrister Adrian Keeling QC explained: "She was up all night and has been vomiting all night. She was not well enough to be brought here."

Judge Orme said he was not prepared to sentence her in her absence and adjourned the case to a date to be fixed.

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Plans for car boot sale in village are refused by council

PLANS to allow car boot sales to take place on land in Himley have been thrown out after residents handed in a 500-name petition.

Colin Turley wanted to use land off Himley Lane, Himley, for organised sales on Sundays and Bank Holidays. But planning bosses at South Staffordshire Council decided to reject the plans, saying it was "inappropriate development" on green belt land. Residents living nearby and in neighbouring villages argued traffic would become a major problem.

South Staffordshire Council spokesman Jamie Angus said: "It was deemed an inappropriate development on green belt land.

"We also had to take into consideration the impact on neighbouring properties," he said.

"We received a 500-name petition from residents in the Himley and Swindon areas, and even from places such as Kingswinford," he added.

Swindon Councillor Roger Lees said that he had received a number of complaints from residents who were opposed to the proposals.

He said: "Residents were concerned it would affect the openness of the green belt."

Venture

If approved, the site would have accommodated more than 1,000 vehicles and operated from 6am-3pm.

Mr Turley said the venture would have created seven part-time jobs.

Himley Parish Council objected to the plans, saying Himley Lane was a narrow country lane and not suitable for a large volume of cars.

Mr Turley was unavailable to comment.

Patients went hungry

PATIENTS were left to go hungry at mealtimes at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, a new report revealed.

Some people in the emergency department complained that they had not been offered breakfast or hot drinks when NHS inspectors visited.

The review by the Care Quality Commission was to check the hospital was meeting 16 quality and safety standards. In all but one area it was said to be performing well.

But the inspectors had "moderate concerns" about whether the nutritional needs of all of the patients were being met.

The inspectors also said not enough checks were carried out in the emergency department to ensure dietary needs were met, apart from patients with diabetes.

Hospital chief executive Paula Clark said: "We have now submitted our improvements to the CQC and hope to see an improvement in our governance risk rating shortly."

Firm lost £20,000 trade from thefts

A THIEF from Lye who targeted a Black Country firm three times for metal made them lose £20,000 in trade, a court heard.

Leigh Clarke even carried out the third raid when he was on bail for breaking into an electricity substation.

He stole £2,000 worth of metal from scrap traders Sims Metal Management in Cradley Heath, Dudley magistrates were told on July 12.

Bosses at the firm say they lost £20,000 in business due to the damage caused as production had to be suspended.

Knife

Clarke, aged 42, of Gibbs Road in Lye, first broke into the site in Bassetts Road on June 9. He then returned 11 days later and made off with copper cables worth £750 from a skip on the premises.

Clarke went back for a third helping on July 7, when he cut a number of brass fittings worth £240 from gas bottles using a knife.

Clarke had broken into a substation in The Hayes in Lye on July 2 looking for metal but ended up empty handed.

He was joined by Sean McKnight, 39, of Gibbs Road, who also appeared at court with Clarke charged with burglary.

McKnight admitted burglary but was not involved in the Sims offences. Clarke pleaded guilty to burglary and three theft counts.

Sentencing will take place next month.

Horse crashes into couple's parked car

June and Bill Willetts with their car which was damaged

A HORSE crashed into a parked car, smashing the windscreen, in a freak accident in the Black Country.

The animal was being ridden along Bromley Lane in Kingswinford when it suddenly bolted, reared its front legs and landed on top of the Mercedes owned by grandmother June Willetts. The rider was thrown from the horse but was not thought to have been injured. The horse suffered cuts to its legs.

The windscreen of the Mercedes C-Class was smashed and the roof and bonnet were dented. Retired hairdresser Mrs Willetts, aged 68, had been in the front living room of her home with her daughter Claire when the accident happened at 3pm on July 11. She said: "My daughter looked out of the window and said, 'Mum, there's a horse on the roof of your car'. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw it.

"It was such a shock. Another 10 minutes and I would have been leaving the house to pick up my grandchildren from school so it could have been a lot worse," she said.

Mrs Willetts said it was an "accident waiting to happen" as the area had a problem with stray horses roaming loose.

A warning of custody for knife offence

A LOFT INSULATOR who brandished a 12-inch knife in the street after a drink and cocaine binge has been told he could face up to six months' jail.

Jody Nock, aged 30, had been watching a boxing match with his mother at their home in Highfield Crescent, Colley Gate, Dudley before heading outside at about 3.30am on July 3, Dudley Magistrates Court was told.

Police were called by his mother, who told them he was "screaming and shouting" and that she believed he had a knife, the court heard.

When police arrived Nock was standing in a telephone box, said Miss Lynda Gudgeon, prosecuting.

He stepped out and was grabbed by officers but resisted arrest, the court was told.

The knife was found on the floor of the telephone box.

Admitted

During the journey to the police station Nock claimed to have another knife on him and threatened to stab the officers, Miss Gudgeon said.

When interviewed by police he admitted drinking 12 cans of Stella Artois.

He later tested positive for cocaine, she told the court.

Mrs Penny Chapman, defending, said Nock could not remember why he had taken a knife outside as he was "too intoxicated".

Court clerk Peter Ward told Nock: "For knife-related offences the custody threshold goes up to six months."

Nock admitted possessing a blade.

He will be sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court next month.

Jobs threat as police make cuts

THE FUTURE of a garage in Dudley which maintains police vehicles is in doubt as the West Midlands force tries to make savings.

Workers at West Midland Police Fleet Services' garage in Bevan Road, Brierley Hill, say the site is under threat and there are fears over jobs. Around 13 people are employed at the garage and workers said they were expecting a decision on the site next month.

West Midlands Police said that a review of its properties was taking place and no final decision had been made on buildings.

But a worker at the garage, who did not wish to be named, said that if it was closed, vehicles would have to be taken to the service's other garage in Park Lane, Aston.

"The logistics would be a nightmare and the costs saved closing the garage would be lost transporting these vehicles to and from the other garage," he said.

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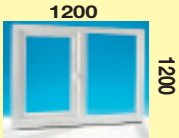

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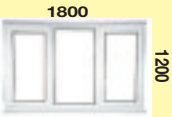

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Boss is jailed on drink-drive death

Kate Walker

A COUNCIL manager who knocked down and killed a 71-year-old grandfather as she drove home while three times the legal alcohol limit has been jailed for five years.

Kate Walker did not have her headlights on when she ploughed into aircraft engineer Brian Metcalfe on Dudley Road, Oldbury at 11pm.

Victim Brian Metcalfe

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard on July 11 how the 32-year-old marketing manager at Sandwell Council had downed six pints of cider, three vodkas and three gins before getting behind the wheel.

She was so drunk she fell over twice as she tried to get into her Nissan Micra, which she had parked in the mayor's car park at the council house.

She admitted causing death by dangerous driving while under the influence of drink, failing to stop after an accident and drink-driving.

Fell

Prosecutor Mr Howard Searle told the court how Walker, of Luanne Close in Cradley Heath, had started drinking at lunchtime on January 28 at a leaving party for a council colleague.

He said: "She was seen on CCTV at 10.40pm in the mayor's car park. She fell and lay on the ground for 40 seconds.

"She zig-zagged over to her vehicle and fell on the ground a second time," he added.

Walker sat in the car for 24 minutes before driving off without her lights on, the court heard.

Walker drove off after hitting Mr Metcalfe but was later arrested two miles away.

Family left heartbroken

THE family of 71-year-old Brian Metcalfe today told how a "moment's madness" by drink-driver Kate Walker had ruined their lives.

They spoke out after 32-year-old Walker was jailed for five years for ploughing into the popular grandfather and killing him while three-times the legal alcohol limit.

Mr Metcalfe was planning his retirement with his partner of 30 years, Gloria Hadley. In a statement following the jailing of Walker, Ms Hadley, of Junction Road in Oldbury, said: "A moment's madness has taken one life and ruined others. Brian will never be forgotten by all who knew him."

TV supernanny Jo shares her secrets

TV's supernany Jo Frost at the Merry Hill book signing

SUPERNANNY Jo Frost shared parenting tips and signed copies of her new book at Dudley's Merry Hill Centre. The star was at Waterstone's on July 12 as part of a promotional tour for her latest release – Confident Toddler Care.

"I've written a baby book so this was the next step. It's for anybody raising a toddler and will help from the first year to the fifth year," she said.

The star shares her time between the UK and United States where she also has a show. She said: "The cultures are different but the issues are still the same."

Among the people queuing to meet the 41-year-old was mother-of-two Julie Wills, aged 34, from Stourbridge who took along baby Matthew. She said: "I watch all Jo's programmes. They offer a lot of useful advice."

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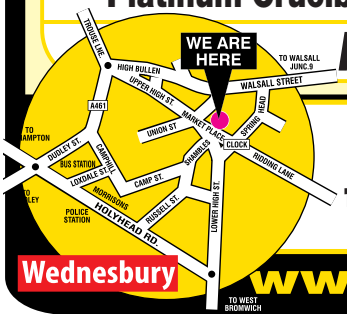

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Star ballet pupils are dancing the dream in professional production

Four young ballet dancers have braved hours of rehearsal and blistered feet to win places in a professional production. Alex Wainwright reports

Guest principal artist Oli Speers in full flight as the Nutcracker Prince. In rehearsal are, from left, Hannah McCreedy, Elizabeth Harris, Amelea Rostron and Bethany Hickman

FOUR young dancers had their dreams come true when they won the opportunity to dance in a professional performance of the Nutcracker.

English Youth Ballet held auditions to find 100 dancers to take part in the performance, and four of the region's top young dancers were selected.

Elizabeth Harris, aged 11, from Kingswinford; 11-year-old Amelea Rostron, from Hagley; 14-year-old Bethany Hickman, from Stourbridge and 15-year-old Hannah McCreedy, from Hagley, were chosen.

They are currently experiencing life as a professional ballet dancer by taking part in an 11-day intensive rehearsal process in preparation for the performances.

They will appear in the Nutcracker at the Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, for three performances on Friday and Saturday.

Performing

Hannah McCreedy is a member of Stourbridge Dance Academy and the Sheila Brown School of Ballet, and started dancing when she was eight years old.

Hannah, of Haybridge High School, said: "I really enjoy ballet because I forget about everything else while I'm dancing, and I love performing.

"I'm quite shy when I first meet people, but on stage I'm much more confident and can perform in front of hundreds of people."

She enjoyed ballet so much she started learning tap a year later, and last year she also began disco. This will be her biggest performance to date, and she is excited for her big-stage debut.

"The theatre's stage is really big and I found it quite overwhelming when I had to dance on there for my audition, but I can't wait to perform the show on there," she said.

Although Hannah's feet may be blistered and bruised from long rehearsals, she feels the show is worth all her hard work.

She said: "I wish it could carry on for longer. I will definitely remember it for the rest of my life."

Bethany Hickman is a member of the Stourbridge Dance Academy and has been learning ballet for eight years. Bethany, of The Wordsley School, Stourbridge, said: "I enjoy ballet, I find it really interesting." The dance enthusiast has also been learning tap for eight years and modern for four years, but enjoys ballet most of all.

> "I forget about everything else while I'm dancing"
> – *Hannah McCreedy*

She is no stranger to the big stage, and won the chance to perform with English Youth Ballet in Shrewsbury in 2009 and Wolverhampton in 2010.

She said: "I was happy to be chosen again, I'm really excited for the performance." Bethany has taken inspiration from her love of dance and would like to go into costume designing in the future.

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Hotel and stores plan for the Angel Triangle

A HOTEL and large-scale retail development is planned for a derelict patch of land which has stood empty near Stourbridge town centre for more than a decade.

Hotel giant Whitbread and "stand-alone" stores such as B&Q are among those Dudley Council is hoping to engage in talks over the future of the Angel Triangle site, off Birmingham Street and St Johns Road.

Council leader Councillor Les Jones said that transforming the scrap land was a key part of the council's long-term vision for the town.

"The last thing we want to do is start expanding the town outside the ring road – then you risk creating two town centres," he said.

"But large retailers such as B&Q, which would attract people to the town in their own right who may then decide to pop over the road and visit the High Street, would be ideal.

"That wouldn't take people out of the town – it would help bring people in.

"Getting a hotel on the site is also one of our preferred options, as it will help turn the town into a destination where people can spend a few days."

Owned

Angel Triangle is owned by Tesco, which bought up most of the site in 2007 with options on the rest as part of plans to build a 65,000sq ft store on the land. The plans were rejected by Dudley Council and a legal battle ensued, eventually dropped by Tesco when it became involved in the £50million transformation of the Crown Centre.

"Having the store on the other side of the ring road would have been damaging, but having it in the town centre will be a real draw," Councillor Jones added. "It was a battle at the time and not many people can say they have taken on Tesco and won.

"But I'm glad we did and I hope once the Crown Centre development actually gets under way, they will release the land at Angel Triangle for new developers."

Preparation work to pave the way for the revamp of the town's crumbling Crown Centre – including the new Tesco – has begun with surveyors moving in. Work on the development is due to start in January with the store open for Christmas 2012.

Behaviour tops list of worries

ANTI-SOCIAL behaviour is blighting the lives of residents in Dudley as the "number one problem" facing people.

People at a Police Authority question and answer session at Dudley council house demanded answers on the problem.

Police and Dudley Council have recently held reviews which found that the two authorities need to work together more effectively.

Superintendent Stuart Johnson told the meeting that while crime levels overall had seen a drop in recent years, the same could not be said for anti-social behaviour. In Dudley it is number one on our priorities," he said.

"What we have done very recently is undertake a detailed review. There are things such as noise nuisance, graffiti or litter which get reported to the council or to us, and there isn't the communication there."

One resident from Kates Hill said the main problem was behaviour by council house tenants.

Garden shed up in flames

A GARDEN shed has been destroyed in a fire in between two houses in the Black Country.

Two fire crews from Dudley were called to the blaze, in Thornfield Croft, Sedgley, at around 8pm last Friday.

Firefighters said the fire had caught hold quickly and engulfed the shed. They were unable to save it.

No-one was injured in the incident.

Buyer aims for new lease of life at derelict social club

A DERELICT Black Country social club is set for a new lease of life after it was sold to a mystery buyer.

There were fears that Brierley Hill Labour Club would be empty for years after it closed down in June last year. But it has been sold for £215,000 – and the private owner has plans to re-open it as a pub, it has been revealed.

The club, which was founded in the 1930s, went into administration after it started losing thousands of pounds when business plummeted and was shut down.

The club was sold at an auction at Villa Park by estate agents Cottons.

The price had been reduced by £100,000 since it first went on the market last year.

Karate star hits gold

A KARATE kicking teenager from Dudley struck gold at his first competition.

Robert Hinton, aged 16, won a gold medal at the Karate World Cup at Birmingham NIA recently.

He has been going to karate classes at Kingswinford Youth Club for four years.

Robert, of Summercourt Square, Kingswinford, said: "It was a great feeling to win."

Karate star Robert Hinton, aged 16, of Kingswinford

Booking in for cheer

A MAJORITY of children in Dudley find their library to be friendly, safe, bright and cheerful, a survey has shown.

Youngsters visiting a Dudley Council-run library rated it in a national survey. Around 99 per cent found staff to be friendly, 92 per cent thought it interesting and 94 per cent bright and cheerful.

Library to get £1m revamp

A £1MILLION project to revamp the reception and library at Stourbridge College's main campus has been announced, with work due to start in months.

Work will get under way to refurbish the facilities at the centre in Hagley Road, during the next academic year, principal Lynette Cutting revealed, as another scheme nears its end.

A £1million project to create a new fitness suite and computer area, called the iZone, for students, is due to be completed in September.

Mrs Cutting said: "We want to make the communal facilities more modern for students.

"The iZone will be where students can have laptops in a more informal area or chat to friends.

"Visitors can also sit there when they come to the college for meetings or events."

Meanwhile work on the £12m new creative industries campus in Brierley Hill is nearing completion.

The eye-catching centre in Venture Way will open in September and offer arts and digital-based courses to 1,000 students.

Mrs Cutting said: "We are very excited and very pleased with how it has turned out."

MP serves in cafe

STOURBRIDGE MP Margot James helped to raise a total of £560 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. She joined volunteers to help serving drinks and cakes to customers at the town's Rimski's Cafe in High Street.

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Pub landlord tells of knife robbery terror

A BLACK COUNTRY pub landlord has told how he was robbed of £1,000 takings at knife-point in broad daylight.

Sean Ryan had just left the Prince of Wales in Woodsetton at about 9am to bank the cash when he was attacked in the car park.

A man brandishing a flick-knife threatened to stab him and made him hand over a laptop bag containing the money and a computer.

The robbery happened as Mr Ryan was on his way to take the money to the post office in Sedgley.

His two-year-old son Tyler and partner, Lisa Davies, were upstairs asleep when the attack happened on the morning of Tuesday, July 5.

Mr Ryan, aged 24, was left badly shaken and is now reluctant to stay at the pub on his own.

He believes the robber was an opportunist who saw him leaving the building with a laptop and decided to pounce.

Drained

He said: "At first he told me to give him the bag and, as I'm quite a big bloke, I thought I could stand up to him. But then he pulled out the knife and the colour drained out of me. I just froze – it really shook me up.

"I always lock the doors when I'm here alone now and I wouldn't go out with the money on my own again like that." The robber ran off towards Sedgley.

The robber is described as about 6ft 2ins, pale and skinny, with short brown hair and wearing blue jeans and a dark tracksuit top.

Anyone with information should call police officers on 0345113500, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

New cuts hit child services

COUNCIL chiefs in Dudley have been forced to divert £2million of funds to help plug a £4.4m hole in its children's services budget left by extra government budget cuts.

With more than £12m now being slashed from the budget and 101 jobs to go this year alone, the department has been forced to undergo a complete overhaul.

Cabinet member for children's services Councillor Liz Walker said: "It is going to be tough but we are desperately trying to make sure that the services continue. It will be much reduced, but we are working to ensure that they will by and large still be there."

The department had already resigned itself to losing almost £9m by 2014 when the budget was set in March. But a fresh blow came when the Government announced it was cutting an extra £4.4m in grants from the 2011/12 budget. This included the £3.6m Early Intervention Grant.

Salon pretty in pink

Leanne and Amanda Hopkins stand outside their salon, Get the Look, in Amblecote

Twin sisters Amanda and Leanne Hopkins are literally in the pink – after a change of colour scheme doubled their business overnight.

The pair, who are partners in Get the Look hair and beauty salon in High Street, Amblecote, Stourbridge, painted the whole front of their shop wall in hot pink.

The look is completed by pink decor, curtains and hair dryers inside the premises.

The 23-year-old sisters, who share a flat opposite their shop, opened Get the Look in March 2010 and at first it was plain white.

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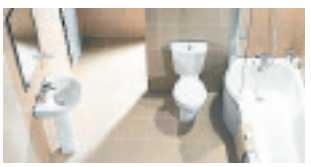

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It will also stage clay days every Thursday from July 28 to September 1.

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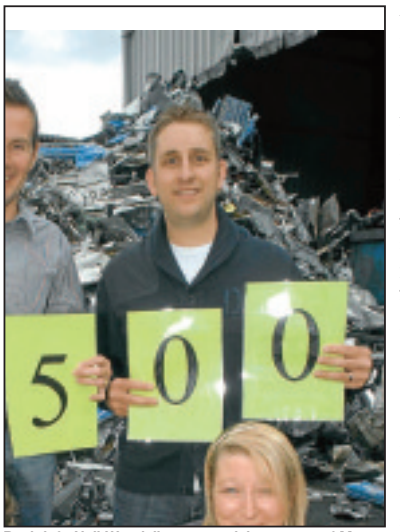

Back left, Neil Woodall, commercial manager of Mason Metals, and John Cook, of The Brierley Hill Project, with Sainsbury's staff Julie Bate, left, and Ann-Marie Gilroy

A SCRAP metal dealer has earned more than a few pieces of silver for a charity after linking up with a Stourbridge supermarket.

Commercial manager at Sainsbury's Amblecote store, Ann-Marie Gilroy, hit upon the fundraising idea of approaching Mason Metals when clearing out of bits of scrap from the Sandringham Way-based supermarket.

She converted scrap into £386.70 for the supermarket's official charity partner for the next year – The Brierley Hill Project – and Mason Metals added £113.30 to make a grand total of £500.

Operations manager and trustee of the Brierley Hill Project, John Cook said: "We are overwhelmed by the support so far.."

Neil Woodall, commercial manager of Mason Metals, added: "We are pleased that we could help the charity, in the form of the donation, but equally pleased to raise awareness of the value of redundant scrap metal."

Sainsbury's has pledged to raise £2,000 for the charity during the next 12 months and held a launch evening on June 27 which raised £300.

Quarry plan 'unacceptable'

CONTROVERSIAL plans for a new quarry on the outskirts of a village have been recommended for refusal by council planners citing "potentially unacceptable" levels of noise and dust.

Dudley Council planners have lodged "strong objections" with Staffordshire County Council.

The bid is to quarry land at the Mile Flat in Wall Heath at the rear of Dudley-Kingswinford Rugby Club.

Contractor FG Davis & Sons Ltd wants to excavate gravel and sand from the 19-acre site, as well as extend its current permission to continue work at its existing quarry site in Enville Road for another three years.

Campaigners rallying support against the Staffordshire-based company's plans, which they say would be an "environmental catastrophe", today welcomed the news.

Dave Tyler, aged 64, of Victoria Street, Wall Heath, has been leading the group. He said: "We are pleased that Dudley Council has submitted such a strong objection – it basically reiterates what the residents have been saying all along. We want as many people to follow suit and sign our petitions as possible to get the message through."

A report drawn up by council planning officers and published on the Staffordshire County Council website states that the plans would be detrimental to nearby residents, some of whom live just 850ft from the site.

"Due to the access to the site via Swindon Road giving rise to potentially unacceptable noise and dust levels, affecting nearby residential properties in Dudley, we would recommend refusal of the application," the report states. Complaints have been made by Dudley residents living near to the site about noise and dust over a protracted period.

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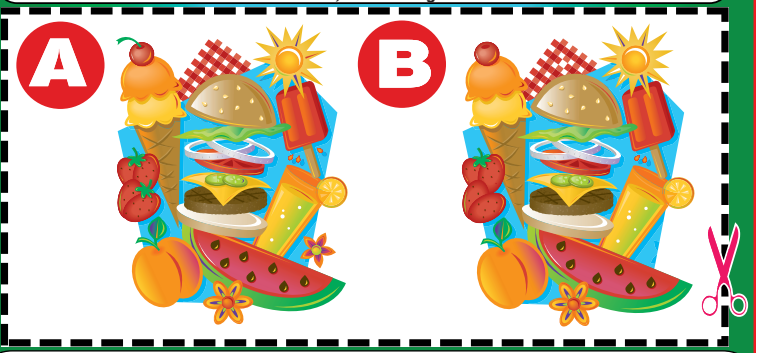

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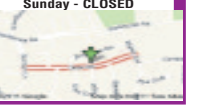

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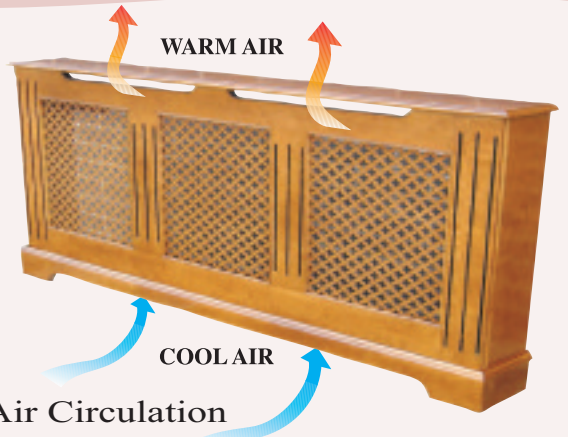

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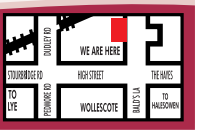

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Positive signs on job front

UNEMPLOYMENT fell nationally by 26,000 in the three months to May to 2.45 million – and there were positive signs of new jobs in Dudley and Kidderminster.

While the total unemployment figure dropped nationally, those claiming jobseeker's allowance actually increased by 24,500 last month to 1.52 million.

But in the Midlands both the total unemployment figure and the claimant count fell, suggesting a pick-up of jobs in the region's manufacturing industries.

Total unemployment in the West Midlands fell by 32,000 to 226,000 in the three months to May. The biggest drop in the claimant count was in Dudley, down 111 to 9,587, or five per cent of the working population.

In Kidderminster and Wyre Forest the number claiming Jobseeker's Allowance was down 66, to 2,045 or 3.3 per cent.

Former worker awarded £6,462

A STOURBRIDGE worker has been awarded £6,462 following the closure of a Halesowen firm dealing with upholstery for three-piece suites.

Gary Ponting of Cross Street, Stourbridge, was awarded the money after Birmingham Employment Tribunal decided that the firm had failed to carry out proper dismissal procedures.

But Mr Ponting was warned he might only receive some of his award because the firm, Direct Fibre Fillings of Maypole Fields, Halesowen, was in voluntary liquidation.

It's full steam ahead for Newcomen's historic engine

Guide demonstrator Amy Priest with the Newcomen Engine at the museum

A REPLICA 18th century steam engine central to the Black Country's industrial heritage will be renovated ahead of its 300th anniversary.

Industrialist Thomas Newcomen's 1712 engine transformed mining in the coalfields of the region and across the country.

A Newcomen engine using original designs and sourced from Black Country materials has been on display at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley for 25 years.

But on August 30 it will close for a restoration scheme, for which grant applications are still being finalised. A grand re-opening will take place next summer.

Museum director of collections David Eveleigh said the engine has played a significant role. "The museum's replica has made a considerable contribution to our understanding of early steam technology but it also places the museum and its collections at the very heart of the rise of the western world," he said. It will be the focal point of a programme to mark its 300th anniversary next summer including a lecture by the TV presenter Adam Hart-Davies.

The building which houses the engine

Family campaigns in honour of Jordan

A DEVOTED mother has spoken of the heartbreak of losing her 12-year-old son to a rare genetic disorder.

Sara Dea wants to raise awareness of the condition which took Jordan's life.

Jordan, of Cradley Heath, died from chronic granulomatous disorder, or CGD, which affects one in 250,000 people.

Tragic – Jordan Dea

Doctors initially struggled to diagnose the condition, which stunted his growth, left him vulnerable to infections and in need of regular hospital treatment. His mother Sara, aged 39, has now pledged to create an information pack about the condition.

She hopes to offer practical advice and raise awareness after raising £6,000.

Mrs Dea said: "It is a rare condition and although Jordan had symptoms from birth, he was not diagnosed until he was two-and-a-half years old.

"We were initially told he had lupus and I believe if hospitals had more information, then his condition could have been diagnosed sooner."

Decline

After years in and out of hospital, the Hasbury CoE Primary School pupil underwent a bone marrow transplant in February 2009 at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

However, far from his condition improving, Jordan went into decline after complications developed. He was later confined to a wheelchair before his death in January this year.

Mrs Dea said Jordan's death had a profound effect on the whole family, including her husband Peter, also aged 39, and their other children Connor, 17, Kirsty, 15 and Hannah, 14.

She said: "It is very hard for everyone. We have all had to pull together as a family."

Mrs Dea now hopes to raise £5,000 to create a family diagnosis pack offering advice to parents and schools of children. The family also hopes to raise £1,000 to go towards a family breavement leaflet, which is being prepared with the help of the Jeans for Genes charity.

Mrs Dea said: "We want information about CGD that we felt was not there for us to be available for other people."

The family is already more than halfway to its total following several fundraising events.

Items up for grabs at a recent auction included a training course at Dudley College, a weekend of building labour from four workmen and a signed Manchester United football.

Sara Dea holds the signed Manchester United ball which was recently auctioned but did not reach its reserve price and will now go up on eBay. With Sara are her children, from left, Kirsty, aged 15, Connor, 17, and Hannah, 14.

Students create wedding belles

STUDENTS showed off their hair and beauty skills during a bridal competition at Halesowen College.

Year 10 pupils from Shireland Collegiate Academy in Smethwick created a bridal hair and make-up look for models. They also carried out research by looking at family wedding photos and examined bridal styles from different cultures.

Curriculum development manger Janet Williams said: "All the students worked extremely hard and produced some fantastic results. They all did an amazing job."

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Horse lovers to the rescue of 19 strays

HORSE-LOVERS have jumped at the chance to offer homes to 19 stray ponies now under police protection at a secret location.

Officers in Dudley have been inundated with calls and emails from people wanting the ponies, which roamed streets in their search for food.

More than 20 people contacted the team after their work – helped by a young professional horsewoman code-named Brenda – was publicised in the Chronicle series' sister paper, the Express & Star.

Sgt Cliff Tomkinson, who leads the Brockmoor and Pensnett police neighbourhood team's campaign to remove the horses from danger, said: "We've had a wonderful response to the article in the Express & Star.

"We are vetting all of the potential new owners to make sure they have the land and knowhow to look after the ponies well.

"But we are hopeful we will now find new homes for all of them."

Farmers

Among the messages received by the police is one offering to take between one and three of the horses in a "five-star" home with three acres of land on the edge of Wolverhampton. Another is from a teenage girl in the Dudley area whose own mare died recently.

Many of the responses have come from farmers and other people with land in the countryside on the outskirts of the Black Country.

Their new homes will be a far cry from their existence after being turned out to find free grazing in Dudley's streets by irresponsible owners.

Dudley Council agreed to fund a six-month trial in which Brenda – given a codename to guard against the risk of retaliation by owners of the stray horses – will look after the ponies until new homes can be found for them.

A total of 31 horses have so far been seized.

Zumba fun gets shoppers fit

Zumba instructor Sharon Fowler at an Age UK class

Senior citizens can now get involved in a popular new fitness craze. Age UK has launched new Zumba sessions at its base at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

The classes at £4 are specially targeted for the over 50s and centre bosses say they have already proved a hit. Zumba is a Latin American inspired dance craze.

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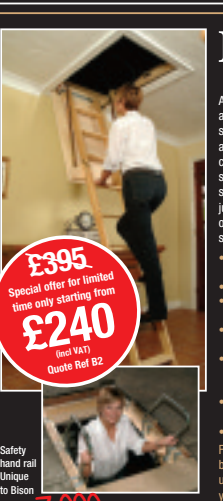

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Council workers facing big cut to their wages

MORE THAN 1,200 workers at Dudley Council have been told they face salary cuts as part of an equal pay shake-up.

In a shock announcement, council leader Les Jones revealed that 14 per cent of the authority's 9,000 staff will be offered a reduced salary – some losing more than a quarter of their annual pay.

One-to-one discussions with 350 employees who are facing a cut of 15 per cent or more started last week.

The offer has been formally submitted to trade unions, who have six weeks to decide whether they are acceptable. Under the offer, around 47 per cent of staff would maintain the same basic pay and 38 per cent will see an increase.

"Discussions have been ongoing with staff and trade unions for some months now and we have got to have a point where we say this is the offer we are going to make," said Councillor Jones.

Status

"We have to make sure these people who are going to be affected are told as soon as possible. It is unfortunate that some people will be negatively affected but we have no choice."

If the proposals are agreed the new arrangements will start next April.

The changes are for the single status agreement which aims to introduce a fairer pay scale for people performing different jobs at a similar level.

Job evaluations have been taking place over previous months to determine whether, for example, a parking warden should be paid the same wage as a receptionist, and so on.

Drink driver is banned for 16 months

A WHEELCHAIR-USING drink-driver who made a trip to McDonald's while nearly three times the legal limit has been banned from the wheel for 16 months.

Simon White, aged 37, was seen swerving his car in New Rowley Road, Dudley, narrowly missing a central reservation.

He then hit a kerb, puncturing the front offside tyre, Dudley magistrates were told.

Miss Lynda Gudgeon, prosecuting, said Price registered 96 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath. The limit for driving is 35mg.

White, who lives with his partner and their seven-year-old daughter in Rough Hill, Rowley Regis, broke his spine falling 50ft in 2003.

Mr Gerry Vahey, prosecuting, said White was in "constant pain".

Following an argument on July 3, he did not want to ask his partner to drive him that night.

White, who admitted drink-driving, was banned from driving for 16 months, fined £250 and ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Man admits to cannabis possession

A MAN who was found with bags of cannabis has been given a community penalty.

Karl Gallear, aged 25, had 15 small bags and one large bag containing the class B drug at his home in Barrs Road, Cradley Heath.

He was arrested on May 7 when police saw him carrying out a deal from his BMW car at the corner of Edward Street, Dudley.

They found cannabis in the car and at his home, said Mrs Jayne Yeomans, prosecuting at Dudley Magistrates' Court.

Gallear told police he was a heavy cannabis user and sold the drug to close friends. He claimed the money went straight back into feeding his habit.

Gallear pleaded guilty to possessing a class B drug with intent to supply. He was given a 12-month community order, and must carry out 180 hours' unpaid work. He must also pay £85 costs.

Mums' plans in spotlight

MEMBERS of Hagley Mothers' Union were discussing future projects at their meeting today.

The discussions were being held in St Saviour's Hall, Park Road, from 2.30pm (July 21).

The group's annual coffee morning next month will boast various stalls including cakes and a raffle.

Admission for the coffee morning, on August 18, is £1 and it will start at 10.45am.

Firefighters' 170-mile challenge

SEVERAL firefighters got on their bikes for a 170-mile cycling challenge.

They hit the road to raise cash for a Black Country youngster recovering from major heart surgery.

The members of Brierley Hill Fire Station's Green Watch saddled up at 4am to embark on the gruelling circuit which took them to every fire station in the region.

It was to bring in funds for Halesowen youngster Joshua Baker, aged five, who has a congenital heart problem and has undergone a series of major operations.

It is hoped the money will be used to treat the youngster and his family to a holiday.

Brierley Hill firefighters Dave Birch, Tim Nicholls, Malcolm Bourne, Dave Holloway, Brian Morris, Craig Smith, Nick Bailey and Dan Evans call in at Willenhall Fire Station during their ride

Move to reopen freight routes

A £100MILLION project to launch a tram-train route on disused freight lines through the Black Country has been included in Centro's 10-year plan.

The bid would see hybrid tram-trains, capable of travelling along both light and heavy rail tracks, taking passengers along a defunct freight train route between Stourbridge and Walsall, with stops in Brierley Hill and Dudley.

Dudley Council leader Les Jones revealed that the project, which is expected to create hundreds of jobs across the region, has been granted preliminary approval and will now form part of the next long-term Local Transport Plan.

Tramlines

"We are hoping that work to open up the old freight routes can begin in around 2016, provided we can get the funding," he said.

"Once we can get the freight routes up and running, we can start getting passenger trains back on the lines. We want to get the hybrid tram-trains as they are able to run along the heavy-duty freight tracks as well as road-based tramlines. But we do still have a lot of work to do."

A detailed business plan was submitted earlier this year, with council bosses estimating it would bring in a minimum of £200m.

Funding is expected to come largely from Department for Transport grants, along with contributions from councils. If it goes ahead, the tram-trains would share the line with freight service.

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Recycle venture facing review

A DECISION over how and where to expand a trial of plastic and cardboard recycling in a Black Country borough will be taken later this year.

Around 11,000 homes across Dudley have been taking part in the scheme which was launched in September. It was due to come to an end in April but has been continuing to operate while council bosses decide what to do next.

Residents in more than 300 streets were issued with a blue and a green bag as part of the trial at a cost of £22,000 to the taxpayer.

Council chiefs say they are planning to continue with the scheme and will look at the project later this year to decide how to move forward.

Councillor David Stanley, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "The plastics and card recycling trial has been very successful since its launch last September with 95 per cent of the 11,000 households taking part. We are currently reviewing the future of the scheme."

Oscars-style awards as students win honours for hard work

STUDENTS got a chance to shine as they were rewarded for their hard work with stylish statuettes at their own Oscars-style awards ceremony.

Stourbridge College organised the ceremony at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill.

From artists to mathematicians, and scientists to apprentices, students specialising in a range of courses were given their moment in the spotlight.

Eighteen students from across all college faculties were nominated for the awards.

Pardeep Boora and Margot James MP at the ceremony

Winners

Friends and families were invited to attend the event to cheer on the winners as they took to the stage to collect their prizes.

Guest speaker at the ceremony was Stourbridge MP Margot James, along with the leader and deputy leader of Dudley Council, Councillors Les Jones and Tim Wright.

Winner of the overall student of the year prize was professional studies student Pardeep Boora, aged 20, from Bournville, in Birmingham.

He collected a £200 Westfield Merry Hill gift voucher. Pardeep is on track to achieve a distinction on his business studies course.

He helps plan trips, represents the college at open events and is the department's health and safety volunteers.

Stourbridge College principal Lynette Cutting said staff were delighted to celebrate their students' success. "The ceremony acknowledges the hard work of our students, staff and the support that parents give, all of which is crucial."

Traders warn on roadworks

BUSINESSES in Dudley town centre fear trade will be hit following the month-long closure of a busy town centre road for major works to take place.

Stafford Street in Dudley has been closed since July 9 ready for the roadworks to begin. Cordons and diversions are due to stay in place until August 11.

The closure is between High Street and Wellington Road – used daily by thousands. Diversions are taking place in High Street, Wolverhampton Street, Southall's Lane, Wellington Road, King Street and Union Street.

But traders are concerned the closure will lead to heavy traffic congestion along those roads, causing disruption to their business.

Janet Simpson, who runs Janet's Hair and Beauty Products, in Wolverhampton Street, said: "This is a very long time to have a main road like Stafford Street closed. It will inevitably cause more traffic along neighbouring roads and I am concerned people coming in to the town may see those queues and simply turn back. This would be bad for trade in this area. You cannot close off a road like this without it having an impact on other roads nearby."

Cynthia Burgin, of Burgins News, also Wolverhampton Street, said: "Stafford Street is a bottleneck at busy times and all that traffic is going to be moved to other roads."

Benefit fraud mother could now face jail

A MOTHER-OF-TWO who falsely claimed £43,000 in benefits has been warned she could face jail. Victoria Butler carried out the con over a period of three years after saying that her children were still with her.

But the two youngsters were actually living elsewhere, a hearing at Dudley Magistrates Court was told.

Butler, aged 41, of New Farm Road, Stourbridge, carried on claiming income support and council and housing tax benefit.

In a police interview Butler said she had run into debt after her partner left her, said Miss Claire Beddow, prosecuting.

Change

Mr John Davies, defending, said Butler believed the youngsters would eventually move back so did not stop claiming.

Butler pleaded guilty to two charges of failing to notify a change of circumstances.

Butler will be sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court next month and was told by chairman of magistrates Mr Robert Taylor that she could face a prison term.

Robbery attempt is foiled

A MAN was targeted in an attempted robbery in Stourbridge.

Officers were called after the 27-year-old victim was targeted in Parkfield Road as he was walking away from Stourbridge Town railway station.

The thief tried to steal a rucksack from the man but he shouted out to raise the alarm and the man ran off toward Red Hill School.

Dc Joanne Morgan from Dudley CID said: "The offender is described as a white man, approximately 6ft tall and in his 30s. He has scruffy ginger to blond hair and possibly has a goatee beard. He was wearing a dark-coloured hoodie."

The incident happened on June 28 but was only made public recently. Call CID at Brierley Hill police station on 0345 113 5000.

Reach for the sky

MODEL aeroplanes will fill the skies at Aldridge Airport for two flying fun days. Greenacres Model Aero Club will host the event on July 30 and 31 at the Bosty Lane venue. It's £5 a day for non-members to have a go.

Tea and serenades as Mark opens cafe

Ex-West End Star Mark Pincher has opened the Crystal Tea Rooms at The Red House Glass Cone with cousin Angie Stanton and mother Ellen Stanton

A TEAROOM is offering visitors the chance to step back in time to the Victorian era at a landmark Midland attraction.

Crystal Tearooms, which sits in the shadow of Wordsley's historic Red House Glass Cone, has period furniture, traditional china cups and authentic costumes.

It is the brainchild of former West End actor and singer Mark Pincher, who is running the cafe with his mother Ellen Stanton and cousin Angie Stanton.

Mark, aged 41, of Ocker Hill Road, Tipton, who has appeared in Miss Saigon and Elvis the Musical, is the tearoom's very own singing waiter.

"I enjoyed my time in the West End but I've always wanted to have a family business. It is a dream come true." he said.

Garden open to the public

A PLANT collector's garden near Stourbridge featuring a Koi pond and a woodland walk will be open to the public this weekend.

The garden at Westacres in Wolverhampton Road, Prestwood, will be open from 11am until 4pm on July 23 and 24.

Refreshments will be available.

The garden opening is part of the National Garden Scheme.

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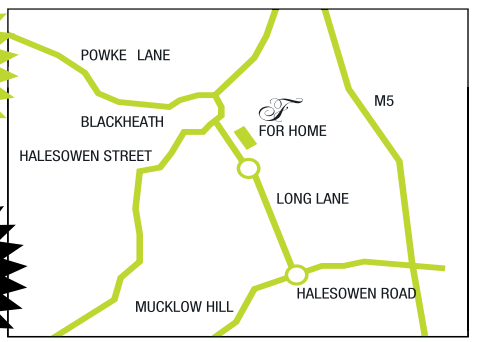

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More free parking will help town trade

DOUBLE yellow lines will be removed to make way for 55 free parking spaces in a bid to boost Dudley's ailing town centre.

Transport chiefs are also looking at increasing one hour free on-street parking to two hours in a bid to encourage more people to shop in the town centre.

Work to lift yellow lines along eight streets will begin when schools break for the holidays.

Dudley transport boss Councillor Patrick Harley said: "We want to make it easier for people to pop in to pick up a few bits and bobs, and encourage them to do so."

Parallel parking spaces in the eight streets will be scrapped in favour of diagonal parking spaces, creating more room, and Stone Street will get more spaces when it becomes one-way between High Street and Tower Street.

The news comes after it emerged Spencers Instore Market, which has been open for more than two decades, was to close as traders admitted falling takings over recent years.

Park fun day a great success

Graham Mansell, of Quarry Bank, who showed his 1968 Aston Martin DB6 at the event

THOUSANDS flocked to a free fun day at a Black Country park featuring displays and a selection of stalls.

Organisers of the annual Netherton Park Fun Day said more than 3,000 people had enjoyed the event on July 9.

Visitors watched performances by the Pedmore Panthers cheerleading squad and looked around a display of army vehicles and kit provided by Dudley's Territorial Army.

Members of the Black Country Classic Car Club were also on hand to exhibit vehicles and answer questions. There was also a performance of Morris dancing. West Midlands Police manned a stall to provide residents with crime-prevention advice.

The event is held every year by the Friends of Netherton Park to raise awareness of the site.

Organiser Richard Johnson said: "Some people say they were not aware the park was here. This is why we hold events like the fun day to ensure people do know about it, and make use of it.

"This year's event has been an enormous success and we have had thousands of people through the gates."

Titanic decision on our historic anchor

A REPLICA of the Titanic anchor is to be returned to the community where the original was made after months of campaigning by residents.

And a special event is being planned to celebrate its return to Netherton in September.

The 18ft iron anchor is now on display at the Black Country Living Museum. But a planning application has been made to Dudley Council to erect it in Netherton Market Place. Residents of Netherton – home to the factory where the original was built – wanted it returned there permanently.

They originally feared it would stay at the museum for good when council leader Les Jones suggested it would be seen by more people there. But after a public outcry, council officers drew up proposals to take it back to Netherton.

The anchor is currently at the museum

A Nautical Day will be staged on September 17 and will feature market stalls, street theatre, and a display on the history of the Titanic.

Councillor Tracy Wood, who represents Netherton and has led the campaign, said: "It's fantastic news because this is so important to the community and it will give people a real lift.

Although formal planning permission still needs to be granted, Mrs Wood said she expected that to be a "formality".

Over the last year residents have held public meetings over the issue and even made T-shirts emblazoned with the message "1911-2011. Anchoring Netherton's Future".

The anchor will be erected on a plinth on a grassed area outside the Savoy Centre in Netherton.

Ellie's steps to success

A TALENTED teenage dancer from Dudley leapt into the runner-up spot at an event featuring top competitors from around the globe.

Ellie Tonks, aged 17, achieved the placing in the youth category at the World Freestyle Dance Championships held at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool.

The dedicated youngster, who trains three times a week at Touch of Class, in Dudley, had to perform a number of moves, including leaps, pirouettes, spins and runs in her routine.

Talented

And her performance beat off tough competition from dancers who came from Scandinavia and South Africa.

Ellie's dance instructor Anna Jones said she was very proud of the teenager. "Taking the runner-up spot in this competition is a remarkable achievement," she said.

"It was the highest-attended event of its kind.

"Ellie is an amazingly talented dancer and very dedicated.

"She really is flying the flag for Dudley and we are so pleased for her."

Dancer Ellie Tonks was runner-up in the Free-style Dance World Championships in Blackpool

Show of support for church

AROUND 400 people turned out to have their say on the future of a landmark Black Country church which campaigners have been battling to get re-opened for years.

The Diocese of Worcester held the session to assess public support for the re-opening of Grade II listed St John's Church, in Kates Hill, Dudley.

Nearly 300 people packed into the church hall, in St John's Road, to give their views on three options being looked at for the church.

The first option is for minimal changes to the building – simply the addition of new toilets, a meeting room and kitchen. Under the second option, the church would be divided equally between worship and community use, and in the third, worship space would be significantly reduced with two floors dedicated to community use.

Members of the St John's Church Preservation Group, which has fought to get the site re-opened, said they were concerned option three would strip away the building's historic aspects.

Brian Wilkinson, aged 61, of Beech Road, Tividale, has been a warden at the church for nearly a decade. He said: "At the moment these are just options which are being looked at."

Resident Joan Greenaway, aged 80, said it was a shame to see the church in its present condition. Mrs Greenaway now lives in Cypress Road, Dudley, but was born in Grove Street, Kates Hill. "I would dearly like to see the church back in use."

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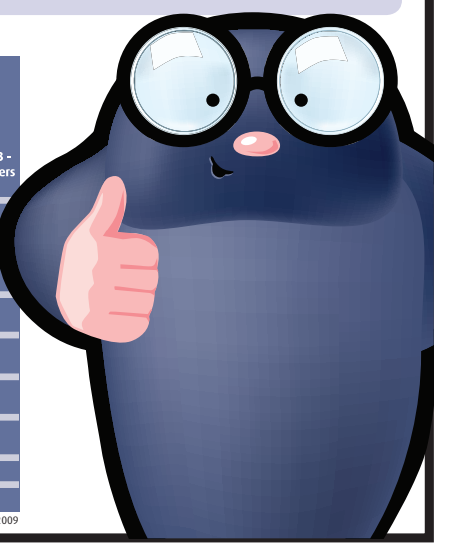

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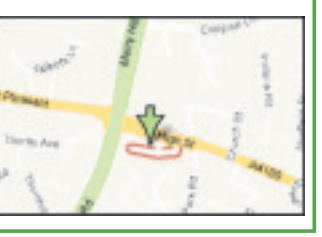


Teen reads for the summer holidays

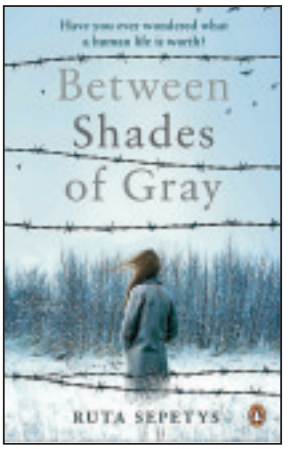
Between Shades of Gray – Ruta Sepetys (Penguin, paperback, £6.99)

A KNOCK in the middle of the night and 15-year-old Lina, her younger brother and their mother are given just 20 minutes to pack whatever is dearest to them and leave their home – forever. For this is Lithuania 1941 and Stalin's military police, the NKVD, are deporting thousands of Lithuanians to Siberia, especially those – like Lina's university professor father – who may object to the Soviet Union invading their homeland, Russia's tiny neighbour.

So begins a living nightmare for Lina and her family, packed together in railway cattle wagons marked in Russian 'thieves and prostitutes', and sent thousands of miles into exile. Only love, hope, her passion for art, and pure willpower can keep Lina alive.

This hard-hitting, deeply moving story is based on the true experiences of many families whose only crime was to be considered potential opponents of the Soviet Empire.

It is a rewarding read for both teenagers and adults, and it can be ranked alongside such books set around the same time as John Boyne's The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas and Ian Serraillier's The Silver Sword.



Trash – Andy Mulligan (David Fickling Books, paperback, £5.99)

The dumpsite boys live and scratch a living off a huge rubbish tip on the edge of a city (Manila in The Philippines?), looking for stuff to recycle. Then one day the friends find a lot of money and other items that some very powerful people want to stay hidden. The lads can't even trust the police and their fight for survival begins.

With its unusual setting and story told through the eyes of different narrators, Trash is gripping from beginning to end.

The Death Defying Pepper Roux – Geraldine McCaughrean (Oxford University Press, paperback, £6.99)

Poor Paul 'Pepper' Roux. His whole family believe his weird aunt's cotside prophecy that he will not live past his 14th birthday – after all, a saint had told her. So when his birthday arrives at his home in France some time in the 1920s (or 30s), with the sullen air of anticipated misery Pepper instead decides to defy death and go on the run from the Grim Reaper. Then things get even weirder for the teenager when people start to mistake him for other people, such as his sea captain father, which lets him set sail on a sea of adventures but with chaos in his wake.

This is an eccentric and quirky novel which will get, and deserves, cult status, suitable also for confident readers close to their teens.

The Midnight Palace – Carlos Ruiz Zafon (Orion, hardback, £12.99)

There are hints of Asian-style Harry Potter in the supernatural thriller from a Spanish author better known for his adult fiction. Set in Calcutta, India, in the last years of the British Empire, it tells of a pair of twins with a special destiny, a derelict mansion they name The Midnight Palace, a ghost train, a bird of fire, and a shadowy villain.

Elixir – Hilary Duff (Simon and Schuster, paperback, £6.99)

The former Disney princess and Hollywood actress, known to millions as Lizzie McGuire, obviously fancies some of that Twilight paranormal romance market with this first novel. It's the first of a series with the second in the Elixir saga, Devoted, coming soon.

When the gifted teenage daughter of a prominent politician and famous surgeon takes refuge in the globe-trotting world of a top photojournalist, after her father disappears, she starts to notice shadowy images in her photos of the same beautiful young man.

The set-up is good, the writing less so (so the mysterious man wasn't a ghost writer!) but it is efficiently done.

Amy & Roger's Epic Detour – Morgan Matson (Simon and Schuster, paperback, £6.99)

Some say life isn't about getting somewhere, it's the journey that matters.

So it is when broken-hearted Amy, who hasn't been able to get behind the steering wheel of a car since her father's death, sets off on an epic road trip across the USA to her mother's new home on the East Coast.

Driver Roger, son of a family friend, becomes more than a chauffeur and decides to take a very big scenic detour. A good read with movie potential.

Long Lankin – Lindsey Barraclough (Bodley Head, hardback, £10.99)

A devilishly spooky debut novel with draws its theme from a bloodthirsty folk ballad about a creature that lurks in the countryside, ready to slip into a house to devour children.

In 1950s England a pair of sisters from London are sent to live with their aunt who dwells in a hall near a village in an isolated part of the countryside.

There are local whispers about their aunt being a witch and rumours of horrible goings-on at the hall in days gone by.

Barraclough's style of creepiness owes more to the classic ghost stories of MR James than today's gore merchants, and is all the better for it.

You may want to leave the light on for a while after reading this one at night, whatever your age.

Matched – Ally Condie (Penguin, paperback, £6.99)

In Cassia's ordered society in the future your whole life is arranged for you. Officials tell you who your partner will be, where you will work, how many children you will have, when you will die. But, at the age of 17, Cassia decides that although society has chosen her perfect partner, she's already picked one for herself... and that's just not done.

I liked Cassia's rebellious grandad with his love of the Welsh poet Dylan Thomas ('Do not go gentle into that good night'). But I am not sure that this blend of futuristic romance with a shadow of George Orwell's Big Brother society of 1984 is a complete success.

The Death of King Arthur – Peter Ackroyd (Penguin, hardback, £20)

With Merlin and Camelot on TV recently, things Arthurian are very in and if the original source material, Sir Thomas Mallory's Le Morte d'Arthur, seems a little too heavy going then try this masterful condensing of Mallory's sometimes rambling storytelling, designed for a modern audience but in no way dumbed down. Ackroyd retells one of the truly great sagas about a flawed hero who, despite his death, seems to live on forever in our collective imagination.

The Throne of Fire – Rick Riordan (Puffin, hardback, £12.99)

Another blockbuster from the creator of Percy Jackson, Potter's biggest rival for both younger teen readers and pre-teens who can handle a big thick book.

This, however, is not a Percy tale but the second in the Kane Chronicles after The Red Pyramid, in which the Kane siblings are mixed up with the Gods of Ancient Egypt who have erupted into the modern world, rather like the Greek Gods and monsters that Percy has to deal with after his immortals swapped Mount Olympus for New York.

No doubt about it, former teacher Riordan spins an exciting yarn and mythology supplies him with a ready made cast of incredible beings.

Six Days – Philip Webb (Chicken House, paperback, £6.99)

A cracking sci-fi tale set in a ravaged London where the survivors are employed by the Vlads – their nickname for Europe's new Russian masters – to tear the city down in search of a mysterious relic.

The searchers are known as 'scavs' and ransacking what's left of the old capital is all siblings Cass and Wilbur have ever known.

Then they meet a mysterious stranger and everything changes. Buried under the rubble somewhere is something with the power to end or begin again life on Earth, and they've only got six days to find it.

It's a page-turning thriller for sci-fans with a thing for dystopian futures.

Wish Me Dead – Helen Grant (Penguin, paperback, £7.99)

A modern gothic fairy tale set in a German town surrounded by the sort of forests the Brothers Grimm would have recognised. Shy Steffi bitterly regrets visiting the cursed house of the witch, where she wanted her wishes to come true. Now they do, with deadly effect, and the wishes have become a curse. An entertaining chiller.

Ghost of a Chance – Rhiannon Lassiter (Oxford University Press, paperback, £6.99)

A dead girl investigates her own murder but along the way must contend with the other ghosts occupying her ancestral home, some of them sad and some of them – especially the witch – very scary indeed. I gave this a chance but felt it didn't live up to its considerable promise.

Angel Kiss – Laura Jane Cassidy (Penguin, paperback, £6.99)

More ghostly goings-on. Strange things start to happen to teenager Jacki after she leaves Dublin for life in rural Ireland... headaches, nightmares, visions. Could it be something to do with an unsolved murder in the village years before? Course it could. But there is also a very much living romance for Jacki too in this slowly unfolding supernatural tale.

Reckless – Cornelia Funke (Chicken House, paperback, £6.99)

The German author of the Inkheart trilogy should appeal to a similar audience with this Gothic adventure drawing on traditional fairy tales but giving them a twist. It's no coincidence that the brothers at the story's core are named Jacob and Will, the same as the Brothers Grimm.

A boy becomes a beast and a girl's heart is broken in this tale of loyalty and betrayal set between two worlds linked by a mirror, the real world and a strange enchanted place where magic and modern technology mix with disastrous results.

Rockoholic – CJ Skuse (Chicken House, paperback, £6.99)

Jody is obsessed with rock star Jackson Gatlin, so much so that she has to be in the front row at this gig and is crushed in the moshpit of delirious fans. Carried backstage, add concussion, a totally wired rock star and a Curly-Wurly and next thing, Jody has 'accidentally' kidnapped her rock idol.

Frequently laugh-out-loud funny and with a fair dose of romance, this is an enjoyable read for beach or poolside (or stuck indoors on a rainy day).

Popular – Gareth Russell (Penguin, paperback, £6.99)

Let the bitching begin... the girls at a posh Irish school vie for the position of most popular, when not texting or social networking, that is.

Russell often sounds convincing in his first in a new series of books but can a guy really capture a girls' world?

The Crowfield Demon – Pat Walsh (Chicken House, paperback, £6.99)

This sequel to The Crowfield Curse returns to Crowfield Abbey where the medieval human world is under threat from a supernatural enemy, and only William and his friends can defend Crowfield. Spooky and thrilling with its roots in folklore, it's a dark treat.

Wood Angel – Erin Bow (Chicken House, paperback, £6.99)

Set in an unidentified Eastern European land (probably Russia) where superstition is rife and magic is feared, this is about Plain Kate, the wood carver's daughter. The story of the witch-child, her talking cat and a shadow thief has some interesting ideas but the plot is convoluted and the narrative fails really to draw the reader in.

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Country fans line up for a record attempt

The Hayley Oliver Band will be playing on Saturday

The Swing Commanders are ready for the 17th Wolvestock

Country music fans from across the country are hot-footing it to the Black Country this weekend to enjoy an annual festival.

Wolvestock 17, sponsored by Banks's, kicks off in East Park on Saturday and continues through Sunday, with entertainment running from 11am to 8pm on both days.

The event follows on from last year's festival which attracted more than 15,000 people – making it one of the biggest event of its kind in the UK.

The music starts on Saturday with Mac Bailey and Desperado opening up on the Arena stage, while on the UC Dance stage, Scott Bottrill gets thing moving.

There are many big names appearing over the weekend including Jellico Road Band who will be playing hits from Nashville Stars, and The Swing Commanders – one of the UK's premier western swing band six-piece bands.

Prize

Later on Saturday, John 'Grrowler' Rowell, one of Britain's top dance instructors accompanying the World Champion Rob Fowler on the UC dance stage.

Sundays highlights include The Hayley Oliver Band who won the best newcomer prize at the 2010 BCMA awards. Hayley was born blind, she has a degree in music from London University and fronts a brilliant six-piece London-based band singing a lot of original songs. There's also a chance to see Henry Smith's Country Band, the 2010 BCMA band of the year from Portsmouth, and Donna Wylde female entertainer of the year for last two years at BCMA awards, plus Brighton-based The Diablos are launching their new album at Wolvestock.

Other attractions include a family funfair with bouncy castles, along with stalls, food and bars.

And as Wolvestock will feature everything country, the organisers have teamed-up with Wolverhampton Grand Theatre who will be presenting a brand new country musical comedy called Rhinestone Mondays which will star Lyn Paul (New Seekers), Faye Tozer (Steps), Ian H Watkins (Steps) and Shaun Williamson (EastEnders and Extras) later this year So during the weekend's proceedings, The Grand and Wolves Civic are going to attempt the "Rhinestone Record" – the greatest number of people dancing to the same musical track simultaneously at a country music festival.

Kate Evans, Louise Bent and Vicky Price, from Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, are ready for Rhinestone Mondays

The attempt will take place at Wolvestock on Sunday at 3pm which will then be submitted to the Guinness Book Of Records.

Anyone wanting to join in will be asked to dance to the country music classic Achy Breaky Heart and the Steps No. 1 track, 5,6,7,8.

Cast member Shaun Williamson will be there on the day to lead the line dance along with line dance professionals Rob Fowler (World Champion) and John "Grrowler" Rowell (national choreographer). Debbie Duncan will also be instructing all those taking part.

Rhinestone Mondays follows the maverick members of the Warbleswick 'Monday Night All Star Line Dancing Club' as they fight and feud on a weekly basis. A new romantic comedy by Joe Graham, it is fuelled and fired by a classic country soundtrack of practically every great hit fans already know and love.

● Wolvestock 2001 is help on Saturday and Sunday at East Park, Wolverhampton. Entry is Free. The Rhinestone record attempt is taking place on both stages at 3pm on Sunday.

● Rhinestone Mondays runs at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from September 13 to 17. Log on the Grand Theatre's website at www.grandtheatre.co.uk for more information.

Running times for Wolvestock

Arena Stage Saturday
12 noon Mac Bailey and Desperado
12.45 TC Dance break
1.05 Jellico Road Band
2.00 TC
2.20 Pig Earth
3.15 The Mayor TC
3.45 Dee D and the James Gang
4.45 Rob Fowler and Rhinestone rehearsal
5.15 4 Card Trick
6.15 TC
6.45 The Swing Commanders
8.00 Close

UC Dance Stage
12 noon Scott Bottrill
12.10 John 'Grrowler' Rowell
12.15 Richard Palmer
1.00 Grrowler
1.15 Magill
2.00 Rob Fowler Masterclass.
2.30 Richard Palmer
3.15 Grrowller Rhinestone Rehearsal
3.25 Twin Falls
4.10 Rob Fowler masterclass
4.40 Jellico Road
5.25 Grrowler
5.45 Magill
6.45 Grrowler
7.00 Twin Falls
7.45 Grrowler
8.00 Close

Arena Stage Sunday
12.0 Arizona Storm
12.45 TC Dance
1.05 Donna Wylde and Texas Tornado's
2.0 TC
2.20 The Hayley Oliver Band
3.15 Rhinestone Challenge with Rob and Deb
3.45 Henry Smith's Country Band
4.45 TC and Grrowler
5.15 The Diablos
6.15 TC and Rob Fowler
6.45 The Muddy Boots
7.55 Trilogy
8.00 End of Festival

UC Dance Stage
12 noon Rob Fowler Masterclass
12.30 Paul Taylor
1.15 Grrowler
1.30 Magill
2.15 Grrowler
2.30 Johhny Holland
3.15 Grrowler and the Rhinestone Challenge
3.45 Texas Tornado's
4.30 Rob Fowler Masterclass
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6.00 Magill
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7.00 Johnny Holland
7.45 Rob and Grrowler
8.00 End of festival

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Choice

BBC PROMS 2011

BBC2, 9pm

When Stravinsky's Rite of Spring, the revolutionary work composed for Diaghilev and his Ballets Russes, was first performed in Paris in 1913, it's fair to say it got a bit of a mixed reception. The audience was apparently taken aback by the complex music and daring choreography. However, these days the work is regarded as a classic, so Katie Derham probably won't have to take body armour and a gun shield with her to the Albert Hall as she introduces coverage of the second Prom given by Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France led by the South Korean conductor Myung-Whun Chung.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Good Cook. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Formula 1: The German Grand Prix Qualifying. Live coverage from the Nurburgring (Start time 1.00pm). **2.30** Racing from Ascot. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** Film: Cars (2006) Pixar animated adventure, with the voices of Owen Wilson and Paul Newman.

7.30 **Tonight's the Night.** John Barrowman makes more dreams come true, sending a cancer survivor on a skydiving trip and inviting a roadside patrolman to duet with soul sensation Beverley Knight.

8.00 **The National Lottery: In It to Win It.** Dale Winton presents the quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big prize.

8.50 **Casualty.** A nervous Ruth returns to clinical duties for a probationary period, while Adam's moralistic attitude threatens to affect his medical judgement.

9.40 **Lee Mack's All Star Cast.** With JLS, Ashley Jensen and Tommy Tiernan. Last in the series.

10.20 **BBC News; Weather;** National Lottery Update.

10.40 **FILM: Eagle Eye.** (2008) Premiere. Thriller, starring Shia LaBeouf.

12.40 Film: Highlander: Endgame. (2000) Fantasy sequel, with Christopher Lambert and Adrian Paul; Weatherview. **2.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **12.40** Film: Anchors Aweigh (1945) Musical, starring Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly. **3.05** Life Beyond the Box: Norman Stanley Fletcher. (R) **3.35** Porridge. (R) **4.15** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Warrington Wolves v Wigan Warriors (Kick-off 4.30pm).

6.40 **Flog It!** Experts Nigel Smith and Thomas Plant value the public's antiques in Stockport, Greater Manchester, while presenter Paul Martin pays a visit to a drum-maker. (R)

7.40 **Dad's Army.** The platoon spends a night in a spooky house. (R)

8.10 **The Impressionists – Painting and Revolution.** Waldemar Januszczak visits places made famous by the movement's painters.

9.00 **BBC Proms 2011.** Myung-Whung Chung conducts the Orchestra Philharmonique de Radio France in Weber's Oberon Overture, Brahms' Double Concerto for Violin and Cello and Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring.

10.50 **QI XL.** With Johnny Vegas, David Mitchell, Rob Brydon and Alan Davies. (R)

11.35 **The Rob Brydon Show.** With Matt Lucas, the Script and Nina Conti. (R)

12.15 **FILM: Dear Frankie.** (2004) Drama, starring Emily Mortimer.

1.45 Film: Adam & Paul. (2004) Comedy starring Mark O'Halloran and Tom Murphy. **3.00** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV; Mini CITV. **7.35** CITV. **9.25** Ten Mile Menu. (R) **9.55** Coronation Street. **11.15** The Morning: Saturday. **12.15** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **1.15** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** Film: Agatha Christie's A Caribbean Mystery. (1983) Murder mystery, starring Helen Hayes. **3.20** Film: Columbo: Blueprint for Murder. (1972) Crime drama, directed by and starring the late Peter Falk. **5.00** Regional Programmes. **5.15** ITV News; Weather. **5.30** Film: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. (2002) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe.

8.45 **Odd One In.** Sarah Millican and Stephen Mulhern challenge regulars Jason Manford and Peter Andre to identify people with unusual skills or secrets. Bradley Walsh hosts.

9.30 **Penn & Teller: Fool Us.** Four more acts, including a Bath-based street magician and a mind reader, try to outwit the illusionists in a bid to land a gig in Las Vegas. Jonathan Ross hosts.

10.30 **The [illegible].** With Jonathan Ross, Jack Dee and Joanna Page.

11.00 **ITV News; Weather.**

11.15 **FILM: Daylight.** (1996) A former rescue worker sets out to save motorists trapped by a pile-up in a tunnel that is close to being flooded. Disaster movie, with Sylvester Stallone.

1.15 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **4.15** In Plain Sight. **5.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Film Show. (R) **7.00** MSA Formula Ford Championship. **7.35** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **9.00** T4: Friends. (R) **9.35** T4: Hollyoaks Music Show. **9.55** T4: Smallville. (R) **10.50** T4: Friends. (R) **11.20** T4: Pop Up Pop Quiz. **12.10** T4: Dirty Sexy Things. **1.15** The TV Book Club. **1.45** Channel 4 Presents – David Clarke 2012. (R) **1.50** Channel 4 Racing. **4.55** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.55** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **6.25** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.55 **Channel 4 News.**

7.10 **[illegible].** A psychiatrist shares his thoughts on mental illness.

8.05 **The Mystery of the Nevada Triangle.** Aircraft disappearances in the Sierra Nevada mountains. (R)

9.00 **The Space Shuttle's Last Flight.** Documentary charting the history of Nasa's space shuttle programme, which has transformed people's understanding of the universe and aided technological advancement.

11.00 **Camelot.** Morgan infiltrates Camelot disguised as Igraine.

10.05 **FILM: Kingdom of Heaven.** (2005) Historical epic, starring Orlando Bloom.

12.50 Film: Bad Lieutenant. (1992) Crime drama, starring Harvey Keitel. **2.45** Film: Wrong Turn. (2003) Horror, starring Eliza Dushku. **4.05** Hill Street Blues. (R) **5.05** One Tree Hill. (R) **5.55** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Mexican Food Made Simple. (R) **10.30** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **11.15** Film: Shoot-Out at Medicine Bend. (1957) Revenge Western, starring Randolph Scott. **12.50** Film: Cheyenne Autumn. (1964) John Ford's Western, with Richard Widmark and James Stewart. **4.15** Film: Silverado. (1985) Western, with Kevin Kline and Kevin Costner.

7.00 **Cricket.** England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the third day of the First Test at Lord's, where the four-match series continued.

7.55 **5 News Weekend.**

8.00 **NCIS.** A Marine's severed head is found. Mark Harmon and Pauley Perrette star. (R)

9.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** The team's investigation into the abduction of two girls leads to a schizophrenic artist from Louisiana who is in New York on business. Starring Diane Neal.

10.00 **Boxing Live: British Heavyweight Title.** Dereck Chisora v Tyson Fury. Coverage of the British and Commonwealth Heavyweight title fight at Wembley Arena in London.

12.55 **UFC [illegible].** Georges St-Pierre v Matt Hughes.

2.35 SuperCasino. **4.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **4.40** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **4.45** Law & Order. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2

6.55 Film: No Reservations (2007) **9.00** Film: Nutty Professor II: The Klumps (2000) Comedy sequel, starring Eddie Murphy. **11.15** Film: Red Dragon (2002)

ITV3

2.05 Bertie and Elizabeth **4.05** Agatha Christie's Poirot **6.05** Film: Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes (2000) **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** A Touch of Frost. Jack reopens a 20-year-old murder case. **11.05** Film: Dolores Claiborne (1995) Thriller, with Kathy Bates.

ITV4

2.00 Live Cycling: Tour de France. The 20th and penultimate stage. **4.30** British Superbike Championship Highlights **5.30** Police, Camera, Action! **6.00** The Professionals **7.00** Cycling: Tour de France **9.00** Freddie Flintoff Versus the World **9.05** Film: Jaws 2 (1978) **11.25** Film: Jaws 3 (1983)

BBC THREE

7.00 Pixar: 25 Magic Moments **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Family Guy **11.10** Film: Wild Child (2008)

BBC FOUR

7.00 The Blue Planet **8.00** If Walls Could Talk: The History of the Home **9.00** Wallander. A couple die in a suspected arson attack on their home. **10.30** Elvis in Las Vegas **11.30** Top of the Pops: 1978

E4

2.35 Hollyoaks **5.00** Friends **6.00** One Tree Hill **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Friends **10.00** Film: Dogma (1999) Comedy fantasy, starring Matt Damon, Ben Affleck and Linda Fiorentino

FILM4

3.15 All That Heaven Allows (1955) Romantic drama, starring Jane Wyman and Rock Hudson. **5.00** Bless This House (1972) **6.55** Clash of the Titans (1981) **9.00** The Happening (2008) **10.35** M Night Shyamalan on The Happening **10.55** Lake Placid (2000) Comedy horror, starring Bill Pullman

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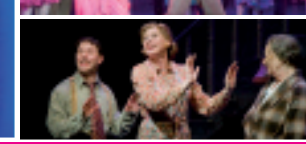

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CRICKET

Channel 5, 7pm

The 2000th Test in cricket's colourful history and the 100th between England and India reaches a critical stage at Lord's today. The sides last met at this venue in this form of the game back in 2007, and at the conclusion of day four all three results were possible as India chased 380 to win the game. Eventually they closed the final day on 282/9, with skipper MS Dhoni managing to shield tail-ender Sreesanth, before the rain gods came to their rescue. Meanwhile, Sachin Tendulkar is hoping he can finally get his name on the prestigious Honours Boards at Lord's. Will the Little Master make a century on what could be his last visit to the Home of Cricket?

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 8.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Country Tracks. 12.00 BBC News. 12.05 Formula 1: The German Grand Prix Live. Coverage from the Nurburgring (Start-time 1.00pm). 4.30 My Family. (R) 4.50 My Family. (R) 5.20 Bargain Hunt Famous Finds. (R) 5.50 Lifeline. 6.00 Songs of Praise. 6.35 Horrible Histories with Stephen Fry.

6.05 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.30 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team visit Lancashire, where they examine items in the Blackpool Tower Ballroom, including a Bible containing handwritten extracts by Charlotte Bronte. (R)

7.30 Countryfile. Matt Baker visits the Wensleydale Railway in the Yorkshire Dales. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.30 Inspector George Gently. A young woman's body is found in a seemingly idyllic Northumberland coastal village in 1966 – leading Gently and Bacchus to a family hiding a shocking secret. (R)

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Sugartown. New series. Comedy drama, starring Shaun Dooley.

11.25 Heading Out. Drama, starring Corin Redgrave. (R) Weatherview.

12.15 Sign Zone: The Apprentice: How to Get Hired. (R) 1.05 The Apprentice: The Final. (R) 2.05 Holby City. (R) 3.05 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 Film: The Story of G.I. Joe. (1945) Second World War drama, with Burgess Meredith and Robert Mitchum. 1.20 EastEnders. 2.45 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Hull FC v Leeds Rhinos (Kick-off 3.30pm). 5.30 Swimming.

7.00 Around the World in 90 Minutes. Circumnavigating Earth from an altitude of 200 miles. Narrated by David Morrissey. Previously shown on BBC4.

8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson tries out an F1-style Lotus, then joins James May for a trip in a pair of electric cars. Richard Hammond meets a rally team made up entirely of amputees.

9.00 Space Shuttle: The Final Mission. Kevin Fong follows the scientists, engineers and astronauts of Nasa as they prepare for space shuttle Atlantis's final journey, marking the end of an era in manned spaceflight.

10.00 Live MotoGP. The US Grand Prix race (Start-time 10.00pm).

11.00 FILM: Seraphim Falls. (2006) An injured Union soldier flees through a mountain wilderness pursued by a vengeful Confederate officer. Western thriller, starring Pierce Brosnan, Liam Neeson and Anjelica Huston.

12.55 Film: Santee. (1973) Western, starring Glenn Ford. 2.30 BBC News. 3.05 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 May the Best House Win. (R) 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 10.25 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 11.30 This Morning Sunday. 12.30 Dinner Date. (R) 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.40 Survival: Tales from the Wild. 2.40 Inspector Morse. (R) 4.40 Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.30 Regional Programmes.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 The Royal. Jean announces that Casualty may have to close after a request for funds to repair the department is rejected. Dr Weatherill tries to save a homeless man trapped at a building site.

8.00 Born to Shine. Ruth Langford learns to play the drums, Dawn Porter is trained to be a blues singer and Tony Audenshaw and Lesley Dunlop take to the dancefloor. Natasha Kaplinsky hosts.

9.00 Law & Order: UK. A call girl is found murdered, but Phillips begins to suspect someone had a reason to frame the accused, who had a secret obsession for the victim. Guest starring Greg Wise.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 FILM: Ocean's Thirteen. (2007) Comedy crime caper sequel, starring George Clooney, Al Pacino and Brad Pitt.

12.40 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 2.55 Motorsport UK. 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Wakestock Festival. 7.25 Canary Wharf Triathlon. 7.55 T4: The Crush. 8.30 T4: Friends. (R) 9.05 T4: Hollyoaks. 11.30 T4: RockCorps. 12.05 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.05 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.30 Coach Trip. (R) 2.00 Coach Trip. (R) 2.30 Coach Trip. (R) 3.00 Coach Trip. (R) 3.35 Coach Trip. (R) 4.25 Help! My House Is Falling Down. (R) 5.30 Deal or No Deal.

6.25 Channel 4 News.

6.55 [illegible]

7.00 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. Property experts Jonnie Irwin and Jasmine Harman help a couple choose between holiday homes in East Sussex and Croatia.

8.00 Holiday Hijack. New series. British tourists experience the hardships of everyday life in the world's most popular luxury holiday destinations, beginning in West African country the Gambia.

9.00 FILM: The Lovely Bones. (2009) Premiere. A teenage girl murdered by a neighbour watches over her family and her killer from the afterlife. Peter Jackson's fantasy drama, starring Saoirse Ronan and Rachel Weisz.

11.30 FILM: Beverly Hills Cop. (1984) Comedy thriller, starring Eddie Murphy.

1.40 Film: The Death of Mr Lazarescu. (2005) Romanian comedy drama, starring Ion Fiscuteanu. 4.10 Hill Street Blues. (R) 5.00 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Fireman Sam. (R) 6.40 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) 7.10 Elmo's World. (R) 7.25 Rhubarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.40 The Save-Ums! (R) 7.55 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 8.10 Hana's Helpline. (R) 8.20 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 8.30 Little Princess. (R) 8.45 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 9.00 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) 9.15 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.25 Olivia. (R) 9.40 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.55 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 10.30 How Do They Do It? (R) 10.55 Police Interceptors. (R) 11.55 Danger: Diggers at Work. (R) 12.55 Film: The Omega Man. (1971) Sci-fi, starring Charlton Heston. 2.55 Film: My Favorite Martian. (1999) Sci-fi comedy, starring Christopher Lloyd. 4.40 Film: The Karate Kid. (1984) Martial arts drama, starring Ralph Macchio and Pat Morita.

7.00 Cricket.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 New Cowboy Builders. A couple with an unfinished extension. (R)

9.00 FILM: Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines. (2003) Sci-fi sequel, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

11.10 FILM: The One. (2001) Futuristic martial arts adventure, starring Jet Li and Jason Statham.

12.55 Inside Hollywood. 1.25 SuperCasino. 3.05 The Family Recipe. (R) 4.00 Great Artists. (R) 4.25 Nick's Quest. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.15 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.25 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2

2.05 America's Got Talent 5.05 Planet's Funniest Animals 5.30 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 – Behind the Magic 6.05 Film: The Mummy (1999) 9.00 Peter Andre: Here 2 Help 10.00 Film: Must Love Dogs (2005)

ITV3

2.55 The Turn of the Screw 4.55 Film: Carry On Cowboy (1966) 6.50 Mr Bean 7.55 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes 9.00 Film: The Cup (1998) 11.15 Film: Gorillas in the Mist (1988)

ITV4

1.30 Live Cycling: Tour de France. The final stage from Creteil to Paris. 4.30 Police, Camera, Action! 5.00 The Professionals 6.00 Tommy Cooper 7.00 Cycling: Tour de France 8.05 Premiership Rugby Sevens Series 9.05 Film: Jaws 3 (1983) 11.05 Film: Tremors (1990)

BBC THREE

7.00 Formula 1: The German Grand Prix Highlights 8.00 The World's Strictest Parents 9.00 White Van Man 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad! 11.25 World's Craziest Fools 11.55 Jamie: Drag Queen at 16

BBC FOUR

7.00 Sahara with Michael Palin 8.00 Britain Through a Lens: The Documentary Film Mob 9.00 France on a Plate 10.00 Film: Seraphine (2008)

E4

3.55 Film: Star Trek: Insurrection (1998) 6.00 Friends 7.00 Smallville 8.00 Friends 9.00 Channel 4's Comedy Gala

FILM4

2.45 Jane Eyre (1944) Romantic period drama, starring Joan Fontaine and Orson Welles. 4.35 True Grit (1969) Western, starring John Wayne. 7.05 Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging (2008) 9.00 Crash (2004) Oscar-winning drama, starring Matt Dillon and Sandra Bullock. 11.10 Festival (2005)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: My Favourite Wife. (1940) Screwball comedy, starring Cary Grant and Irene Dunne. 1.00 Swimming. 3.00 Weakest Link. (R) 3.45 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Celebrity Eggheads. (R) 7.00 Victorian Pharmacy. 7.30 Wonderstuff. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Antiques Master. 9.00 The Life of Muhammad. 10.00 QI. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Torchwood: Miracle Day. (R) 12.15 The Tudors. (R) 1.10 BBC News.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Auction Party. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Wild at Heart. (R) 5.00 Dinner Date. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Countrywise Kitchen. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Show Me the Funny. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: The Jacket. (2005) Psychological thriller, starring Adrien Brody. 12.25 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.30 Nightwatch with Steve Scott. (R) 3.30 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 According to Jim. 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Friends. (R) 9.55 Three in a Bed. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 11.55 Channel 4 Presents – Ellie Simmonds 2012. An insight into the life of the gold medal-winning Paralympic swimmer. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) 1.10 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.20 Film: Torpedo Run. (1958) Second World War adventure, starring Glenn Ford. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: School's Out. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 How Murdoch Ran Britain: Dispatches. 9.00 Embarrassing Bodies: Teen Special. 10.00 Sirens. 11.05 Coming Up: Micah. 11.40 Chris Moyles' Quiz Night. (R) 12.30 Music on 4: Live from Abbey Road. (R) 1.15 Music on 4: Jon Fratelli. 1.25 The Space Shuttle's Last Flight. (R) 2.55 24 Hours in A&E. (R) 3.50 Bob's Burgers. 4.15 Chat the Celebrity Cat. (R) 4.25 Hill Street Blues. (R) 5.15 One Tree Hill. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 The Wright Stuff Extra with Gabby Logan. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Law & Order. (R) 3.15 Film: Web of Desire. (2009) Premiere. Thriller, starring Dina Meyer. 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 6.55 5 News at 7. 7.00 Cricket; 5 News Update. 8.00 Police Interceptors; 5 News at 9. 9.00 Film: Swordfish. (2001) Crime thriller, starring John Travolta and Hugh Jackman. 11.05 Film: The Replacement Killers. (1998) Action thriller, starring Chow Yun-Fat. 12.50 Inside Hollywood. 1.00 SuperCasino. 4.05 The Family Recipe. (R) 4.10 Law & Order. (R) 4.55 Rough Guide to Journeys. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: Second Chorus. (1940) Comedy, starring Fred Astaire. 1.00 Swimming. 3.00 Weakest Link. (R) 3.45 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Celebrity Eggheads. (R) 7.00 Coast. (R) 8.00 Restoration Home. 9.00 The Hour. 10.00 Twenty Twelve. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 This World: Italy's Bloodiest Mafia. (R) 12.20 Film: Gomorrah. (2008) Premiere. Crime drama, starring Gianfelice Imparato. 2.30 BBC News. 4.55 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Auction Party. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Wild at Heart. (R) 5.00 Dinner Date. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Wildlife Patrol. 8.00 Cops with Cameras. (R) 9.00 Homes from Hell. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Celebrity Juice: Coronation Street Special. 11.20 iTunes Festival Highlights 2011. 12.15 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.15 Crossing Jordan. 3.05 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.30 According to Jim. 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Friends. (R) 9.55 Three in a Bed. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 The Fairy Jobmother. (R) 1.05 The Secret Supper Club. (R) 1.40 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage of the first day of the Glorious Goodwood festival. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: School's Out. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 The Sex Education Show. 9.00 Undercover Boss. The MD of Isuzu Truck UK goes back to the shop floor. 10.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. 11.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) 12.05 European Poker Tour. 1.05 World Touring Cars. 1.35 Beach Volleyball. 2.30 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 2.55 The Grid. (R) 3.20 MSA Formula Ford Championship. (R) 3.50 Canary Wharf Triathlon. (R) 4.15 Freesports on 4. (R) 5.10 One Tree Hill. (R) 5.55 Sell Mall. (R)

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast 9.15 Heir Hunters. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Cowboy Trap. (R) 11.45 Saints and Scroungers; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Only Fools and Horses. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 Olympics 2012: One Year to Go. Live report from the countdown ceremony in Trafalgar Square. 7.30 The Great British Weather; BBC News; Regional News. 8.30 Sherlock. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. 10.45 Not Going Out. (R) 11.15 Him & Her; National Lottery Update. 11.45 Film: Alien Autopsy. (2006) Comedy, with Anthony McPartlin and Declan Donnelly; Weatherview. 1.20 Sign Zone: Bang Goes the Theory. (R) 1.50 Country Tracks. (R) 2.45 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. (R) 3.35 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. (R) 4.05 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: Beautiful But Dangerous. (1954) Comedy drama, starring Jean Simmons and Robert Mitchum. 1.00 Swimming. 3.00 Weakest Link. (R) 3.45 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Celebrity Eggheads. (R) 7.00 Rick Stein's Spain. (R) 8.00 Top Gear. (R) 9.00 The Code. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Batman: The Legend of St. (R) 12.20 The Tudors. (R) 1.15 BBC News. 4.05 Close.

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Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 According to Jim. 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Friends. (R) 9.55 Three in a Bed. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 The Fairy Jobmother. (R) 1.05 The Secret Supper Club. (R) 1.35 Channel 4 Presents – Stephen Miller 2012. (R) 1.40 Channel 4 Racing. Coverage of the second day of the Glorious Goodwood festival. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: School's Out. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance. 9.00 24 Hours in A&E. 10.00 Murdoch: The Mogul Who Screwed the News. 11.05 The Killing. (R) 12.05 Channel 4 Presents – Danielle Brown 2012. (R) 12.10 Demetri Martin: Person. 1.05 Music on 4: 4Play: Patrick Wolf. 1.20 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show: Spotlight. 1.35 Film: Violin. (1981) 3.15 My Other Wheelchair Is a Porsche. (R) 3.30 Embarrassing Bodies: Teen Special. (R) 4.25 Born to Be Different. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: Affair with a Stranger. (1953) Drama, starring Jean Simmons and Victor Mature. 1.00 Swimming. 2.15 Live Golf: The Women's British Open. The opening day from Carnoustie. 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Celebrity Eggheads. (R) 7.00 Space Shuttle: The Final Mission. (R) 8.00 Rick Stein's Spain. The chef travels to the land of El Cid and into the La Mancha region. 9.00 Town with Nicholas Crane. 10.00 Have I Got Old News for You. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 James May on the Moon. (R) 12.20 The Tudors. (R) 1.10 BBC News. 3.25 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Auction Party. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Wild at Heart. (R) 5.00 Dinner Date. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Chemical Cosh for Kids?: Tonight. 8.00 Emmerdale. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Single-Handed. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Rod Stewart. (R) 11.35 Odd One In. (R) 12.20 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.20 Chemical Cosh for Kids?: Tonight. (R) 2.50 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.05 Sell Mall. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 According to Jim. 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Friends. (R) 9.55 Three in a Bed. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 The Fairy Jobmother. (R) 1.10 The Secret Supper Club. (R) 1.40 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage of the third day of the Glorious Goodwood festival. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: School's Out. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Help! My House Is Falling Down. Sarah Beeny tries to overhaul a basement flat in Gipsy Hill, London. 9.00 The Killing. 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut. 10.50 Rhod Gilbert and the Award-Winning Mince Pie. (R) 11.50 Channel 4 Presents – David Smith 2012. (R) 11.55 The Film Show. 12.25 Music on 4: Lounge on the Farm. 12.50 Music on 4: Hollyoaks Music Show. (R) 1.15 Cast Offs. (R) 2.10 The Sex Education Show. (R) 3.05 How Murdoch Ran Britain: Dispatches. (R) 4.00 Born to Be Different. (R) 4.55 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.25 One Tree Hill. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: Letter from an Unknown Woman. (1948) Romantic melodrama, starring Joan Fontaine. 1.00 Swimming. 2.15 Live Golf: The Women's British Open. The second day from Carnoustie. 5.15 Escape to the Country. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Celebrity Eggheads. (R) 7.00 Mastermind. (R) 8.00 Gardeners' World. 9.00 The First World War from Above. (R) 10.00 The Rob Brydon Show. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.05 Scenes from a Teenage Killing. 1.05 Film: Babylon. (1980) Drama, starring Brinsley Forde. 2.35 BBC News. 4.00 Close.

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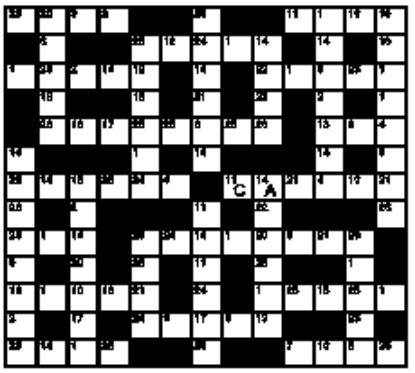

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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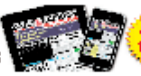

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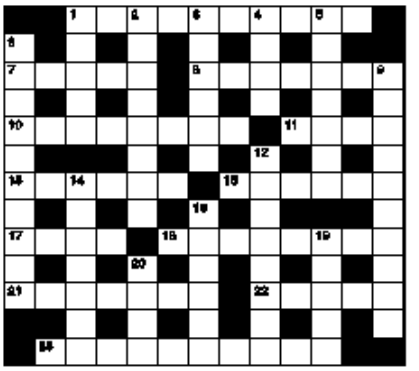
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Following on a triumph I have (10)
7. A shot near the bull ring (5)
8. Writes down unsurpassed achievements (7)
10. Smoothing things out is urgent (8)
11. Permit is needed in Virginia (4)
13. Deeply interested, we hear, in what the communicating spirit did (6)
15. Substance to be of some importance (6)
17. Here's the tax make a mournful sound (4)
18. Arrest the young attendant causing an obstruction (8)
21. Refuse to sink (7)
22. Put on a higher plane: orbiting to the ground, one hears (5)
23. Experts in personal make up! (10)

Down

1. Have a feeling for what is reasonable (5)
2. Give a name to the new issue (8)
3. In danger: run to a kind of knight (6)
4. A hundred in established school of opinion (4)
5. In case this is the decision (7)
6. Depressed: expired needing inner vitality (10)
9. Descriptive of the idealistic extremiser? (6,4)
12. Push pieces in the fortifications (8)
14. Change in place for one with a big bill (7)
16. Current line forming cars (6)
19. Part of the team is sadly away (5)
20. Some nonsense within about one rebellion (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Motionless (5,5)
7. Concur (5)
8. Hamsters (7)
10. Perverse (8)
11. Unaccompanied (4)
13. Clamour (6)
15. Test (6)
17. Pleasant (4)
18. Punctuation mark (4,4)
21. Insult (7)
22. Sting on oneself (5)
23. Dramatist (10)

Down

1. Pool (5)
2. Proposal (8)
3. Japanese robe (6)
4. Inform (4)
5. Flexible (7)
6. U.S. State (10)
9. Killjoy (10)
12. Seating (8)
14. Diplomatic (7)
16. Assemble (6)
19. Implied (5)
20. Snug (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Tongue, 7 Pedal, 9 Sail, 10 Outside, 12 Overnumerary, 15 Commandment, 17 Fabulous, 19 Sky, 21 Bank, 22 Flowing. Down: 1 Grand, 2 Bay, 3 Piers, 4 Fabulous, 5 Perfume, 8 Stone, 11 Omnibus, 13 Tender, 14 Bundles, 16 Stand, 18 Call, 20 Hugs. QUICK - Across: 6 Pinched, 7 Clinic, 9 Vile, 10 Scrollwork, 12 Fulminations, 15 Surveillance, 17 Strength, 19 Sky, 21 Trolls, 22 Outlaws. Down: 1 Wind, 2 Add, 3 Swan, 4 Infinite, 5 Current, 8 Plank, 11 Fundamental, 13 Strikes, 14 Pastime, 16 Organ, 18 Lead, 20 Vile.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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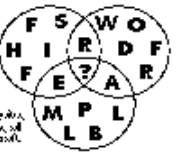
			9	1		2		7
	9		8			1	5	

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS :-

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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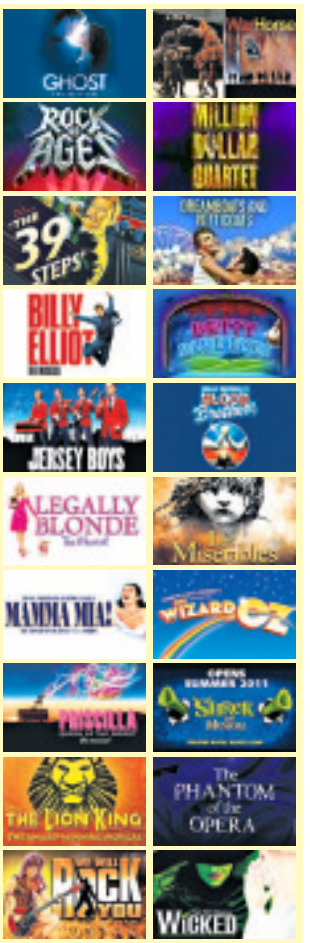

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THIS new-build four-bedroom detached property is for sale at £225,000 – with no chain – and has to be seen to be fully appreciated.

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The property is approached via a front driveway leading to the front entrance door with side garage and lawned area with bushes.

The entrance hallway has doors leading off to all reception rooms, fitted kitchen and with stairs to the first floor landing.

The lounge is 16ft 3in by 10ft 5in and has French doors leading to the dining room, which measures 10ft 1in by 8ft 10in and has French doors to the rear garden.

Cubicle

The fitted kitchen – 12ft 7in by 9ft 9in – has matching wall and base units, roll top work surfaces, space for utilities, gas hob with oven below and extractor fan above.

On the ground floor there is also a utility room and guest WC, while on the first floor are four bedrooms.

Bedroom one has an en suite with shower cubicle, low level WC and wash hand basin.

The family bathroom has a white suite comprising low level WC, panel bath with electric shower above and hand wash basin.

The rear garden is mainly laid to lawn, with patio and decking areas, shrubs and bushes, fencing and brick-built wall to its perimeters.

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This modern three-bed detached is on the market in Tipton via agent Paul Dubberley

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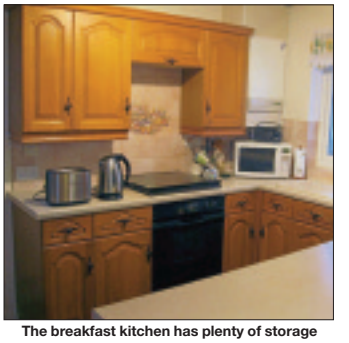

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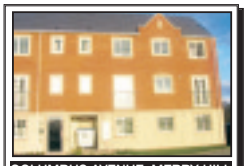

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A well presented two bedroom second floor Apartment situated close to Halesowen Town Centre with accommodation to comprise of: Communal entrance hall, private entrance door, lounge with airing and storage cupboard off, fitted kitchen, double bedroom with en-suite shower room and further bedroom. The property further benefits from double glazing and electric storage heating. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO CHILDREN: NO

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A well presented one bedroom urban style apartment in this prestigious development with accommodation to comprise of: Communal entrance hall, lift to first floor, private entrance hall, open plan lounge/kitchen, double bedroom and shower room. The property further benefits from having double glazing, electric heating and secure gated parking.

FURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£500PCM

THE OLD COURT HOUSE DUDLEY

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DSS: NO CHILDREN: MAY CONSIDER PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

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WOODS CRESCENT QUARRY BANK

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HONISTER CLOSE QUARRY BANK

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KINGSWAY WOLLASTON

A three bedroom first floor flat close to local amenities and ideal for sharers. The accommodation comprises of; entrance hall, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen,bathroom and three bedrooms. The property further benefits from GCH and double glazing.

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Dss: No Smokers: Yes Pets: No Children: Yes

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A two bedroom first floor apartment with accommodation to comprise of hallway, lounge,kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms. The property benefits from partial gas central heating and partial double glazing and parking at the rear of the property.

UNFURNISHED DSS:YES SMOKERS:YES CHILDREN:YES PETS:YES

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STOURBRIDGE ROAD, HALESOWEN

A second floor, one bedroom apartment situated close to Halesowen Town Centre.

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The neat rear garden is lawned and has a patio

A modern kitchen includes a built-in electric cooker

Dormer bungalow is available at £215,000

THIS individually designed dormer bungalow, handily placed for local amenities and with easy access to Wolverhampton city centre, is on the market for offers around £215,000.

The property, 44 Clark Road, provides surprisingly spacious accommodation with what is described as a particularly versatile layout.

It is beautifully presented throughout having been refurbished with considerable flair, and incorporating a high standard of appointment and stylish decorative finishes.

Features include a bow-windowed lounge with distinctive fireplace; 20ft dining kitchen with range of fitments; adaptable sitting/dining room or fourth bedroom; ground floor bedroom and luxurious bathroom; two first-floor bedrooms, one with contemporary shower room en-suite; gas-fired central heating and double glazed windows.

This bungalow in Clark Road, Wolverhampton, is in easy reach of the city centre

Externally the grounds are well planed and attractively landscaped, incorporating forecourt parking facilities at the front and enjoying a favoured southerly aspect to the rear.

The dining kitchen, at 20ft 6in by 14ft 4in overall, is L-shaped with a dining area measuring 13ft by 10ft 11in with a breakfast bar divide to the kitchen area, 14ft 4in by 6ft 7in.

The sitting room/bedroom four, which measures 14ft 4in by 8ft 9in, has double glazed patio doors opening onto the rear garden.

Contact Bartlams on 01902 773322.

A paved patio to the rear of the property leads down to the mature garden with lawn and shrubbery

Home has ample parking

A DETACHED bungalow with no chain has come onto the market in a prestigious setting in Short Heath, Willenhall.

Number 37 Mill Lane has three bedrooms, a separate dining room, garage and rear garden and is for sale through Dixons estate agents for an asking price of £225,000.

A front door leads into an entrance hall, which has wooden flooring and doors leading to the dining room, which has a wall-mounted gas fire, and lounge. In this 15ft x 11ft room, there's a brick feature fireplace housing a gas fire and sliding patio doors opening onto the rear garden.

The kitchen measures 12ft x 6ft and has a range of base and wall mounted cupboards.

There are also rolled-edge worksurfaces, stainless steel sink and drainer unit, tiled floor and a door to the rear garden.

In the tiled bathroom, there's a bath with mixer tap and shower attachment over, plus a pedestal wash basin and WC.

All three bedrooms – the main measuring 12ft 10in x 10ft 11in – include a single glazed window, radiator and fitted wardrobes.

Outside, the property is set back from the road behind a brick retaining wall, shrubbed area and an in-out driveway providing ample off-road parking and leading to the side garage.

To the rear, there's a paved patio that leads down to a mature garden with a lawn, display borders and shrubbery.

For more information or to arrange a viewing, contact the estate agent on 01902 634 497.

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Jeep rides high with a retooled urban warrior

By Ian Donaldson

PEOPLE who don't know much about cars often call anything that's big and looks off-roadish a "jeep", which must mightily annoy the folks at Land Rover.

For the Jeep name (with a capital "J") has reached iconic status far outside the car world, up there with Hoover, Biro, Portakabin and Thermos as a generic name for an everyday item.

So, when it comes time to change a real Jeep there must be a strong temptation to just play around the edges and keep things as close to what went before as you dare.

So well done Jeep for going a bit further than that with your latest launch, the new Grand Cherokee.

It might look rather a lot like the old one with a bit of added style sculpted into the sides, but a lot has been going on in places you don't often look.

Actually, there's been some important action in the places you do look as well, with a lot more legroom in the back seat, a bigger boot and a new interior that might have been designed in the USA but has a properly upmarket European feel for the first time.

That extra space comes thanks to a new and larger platform that will also appear beneath some new Mercedes 4x4s in coming months, a reminder of the unhappy years when the German car giant owned Jeep and seemed puzzled about what to do with it.

Now firmly under Fiat control, the latest UK-bound Grand Cherokees have a big diesel engine built in Italy which is more powerful yet less thirsty than the engine it replaces.

The unrealistic EuroNCAP official fuel consumption test actually reckons you could beat 34 to the gallon in everyday driving, but don't buy a Grand Cherokee on that assumption.

Still, owners trading in the old model will find the new one sips less diesel and goes better too.

Lifestyle

Even so, nobody ever bought a Grand Cherokee for its economy.

Buy one and you're buying into a lifestyle that hints at distant mountains and nights spent under canvas as you conquer the great outdoors.

Most owners, of course, will spend more time in the great indoors, telling the kids to get ready for school or looking for the shopping list before they set out in the Jeep for the supermarket. Even so, you can dream.

When the youngsters are safely strapped in, or the weekly groceries piled into the shallow-ish boot (there's a full size spare wheel hiding below), you'll discover this latest Grand Cherokee makes a fine urban warrior, easily up to the potholes and speed bumps that pepper your progress.

There are two models on offer this time round, both sharing the same 177 horsepower diesel engine and automatic transmission and differing only in their fixtures and fittings.

Both look well priced at £37,796 for the Limited model and £43,995 for the posher Overland.

You won't feel short changed with the cheaper car.

Standard kit includes a versatile four-wheel drive system, big alloy wheels, dual zone automatic air conditioning, and a large touch screen to control the entertainment system (which can store more than 6,000 songs).

It also comes with parking sensors front and rear plus a rear view camera and heated seats all round.

Step up to the Overland and the big news is air suspension that lowers itself at speed (it makes the car more aerodynamic and saves a little fuel), or can be raised an extra 2.6 inches to tackle really serious off-road obstacles.

It can even be told to lower itself a bit at rest (like a camel?) to make it easier for passengers to climb aboard.

The Overland spec also includes satellite navigation, great big 20-inch alloy wheels, adaptive cruise control (which slows the car if you come up behind a dawdler), big sunroof and leather upholstery.

So you're unlikely to complain about a lack of specs; these are very well equipped cars and look seriously good value.

Road tax of £550 in the first year and £245 thereafter makes only a small dent in the value argument.

There's more good news on the move. New all-round independent suspension meant that a Limited model rode the potholes and patches of middle England's roads with a calm authority.

Even more impressively, it did so with a set of the larger wheels that come as part of a £2,000 performance pack.

Demanding

Talking of performance, this is a big car (15ft 10ins long and more than six feet wide) but it will still hit 126mph (on that unrestricted autobahn, of course) and nudge 62mph in 8.2 seconds. So it doesn't feel slow.

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Local Company Expanding Nationwide

We Want Any Car's new fleet take to the road

We Want Any Car, established in 2009 at Cannock, Staffordshire, are expanding their online car buying company throughout England and Wales.

Their new fleet of 30 vans can now be seen up and down the country, **We Want Any Car** have currently over 50 offices now open and aim to double this figure by the end of the year, offering excellent customer service, home visit and collection facilities.

We Want Any Car have a simple, easy to use website, where customers enter their registration number to obtain a free valuation for their car and then select the nearest office to where they live for an appointment, 7 days a week.

Pictured above are just some of the Office Managers, collecting their brand new vehicles, who are now part of the **We Want Any Car** group.

Area Manager Russell Greene, who is responsible for the London and M25 regions, is seen here handing over a new van to Malcolm Owen, Office Manager for Luton and Stevenage.

Operations Director Tim Clapham said: *"With over 10 offices now open in the Midlands region and the amount of recommendations we were achieving, it only seemed natural to expand the business further afield. Many customers were travelling more than 80 miles to sell us their car, and so to cope with this demand new offices were opened. This in turn helps us promote our company and inform the public that there is an alternative in the car buying market.*

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Compact coupe fills that niche for BMW

By Iain Dooley

THE 1 Series M Coupe has been an eagerly awaited addition to BMW's M fleet for some time.

That it's a good bit cheaper than a current M3 will be a bonus for many.

It's ironic, then, to learn that mechanically the 1M shares a quite a bit with the M3.

BMW's 1 Series Coupe has always been pitched as the performance poster boy of the range, but the 1M takes this a step further.

It might share the 3.0-litre, six-cylinder petrol motor of the 135i, but in 1M form the twin-turbo unit boasts a healthy 340 horsepower and an equally useful 369lb/ft of torque.

And the M3 connection? In reality the 1M is an M3 in 1 Series clothes, albeit ones that have been stretched over a shortened and modified M3 chassis. This is partly the reason for the car's muscular stance. The car's wider track is all M3, which does wonders for its ride and handling balance.

Forget any notions of this car being little more than a shrink-wrapped M3, though.

BMW has sought to carve out a nice little niche for the 1M. And with rivals such as Porsche's Cayman and Audi's RS3 mentioned in the same breath, this is no cut-and-shut job. It's also no slouch, with on-paper performance figures that almost match its bigger brother.

Original

For every rose-tinted notion that BMW's original E30 M3 was and still is a driving sensation, there's always a counter argument that, in today's world, it's slow and needs revving hard to uncork its modest potential.

The later E36 isn't far behind, but for a new generation of financially independent and informed enthusiasts, the 1M could well be the modern interpretation they're looking for.

The 1M is compact but unlike its fondly remembered predecessors isn't lacking when it comes to safety kit (airbags, ABS, ESP) and creature comforts (climate control, leather, cruise control, decent audio).

With all the best bits from the current M3 under you and a massaged in-line turbo six-cylinder motor up front, the 1M delivers a sparkling performance that anyone with a fondness for old-school rear-drive fun will love. It even comes with BMW's trick M differential lock to enhance grip and stability when pressing on.

The car's weighty but direct steering never fails to communicate the road conditions. The stubby manual gear lever slots securely into the ratio of your choosing no matter how fast you shift.

And, this is the best bit, despite the car's short wheelbase and wide track, the ride is more forgiving than you could hope for, even when accounting for the car's super low-profile tyres wrapped around the M3 Competition model's alloy wheels.

Completing the experience is the 1M's engine, which is never short of puff or character. The latter takes the form of a deep-chested rasp that rises to a rich, baritone wail when the six-pot motor is fully extended.

It's even better from the outside, thanks in part to the car's quad tailpipes.

Struggle

On a practical note, you'll struggle to detect the forced induction assistance, with only the slightest hint of turbo whistle audible at low speeds.

Wind up the motor and the result is an elastic response, encouraging you to hold a gear for as long as is humanly possible.

Overtaking potential is present in spades, and thanks to the engine's near bottomless pit of torque, you rarely have to drop a gear to make a move.

Factor in the car's impressive agility and composure over the most challenging roads, and it's hard not to be impressed. Grip is in plentiful supply until you turn the traction system off, and then it's a whole new ball game.

But get this. There's no need to be flying at some crazy speed to enjoy yourself. The car's eagerness to play and the modest power and grip levels allow you to break loose at sensible speeds, not supercar go-to-jail velocities.

Look beyond the "one of 450" limited run cabin plaques – yes, that's the full UK allocation – and the 1M offers drivers a simple combination of an abundance of power, an agile chassis, a composed ride without any electronic interference, a trick differential and a manual gearbox.

This modern take on a back-to-basics approach to performance motoring is, sadly, an all too rare one, but BMW has hit the jackpot with the right blend of mechanical components and emotional experiences.

There's nothing basic about the 1M but it will serve up simple thrills for keen, experienced drivers all day long. And it doesn't get any better than that.

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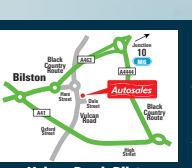

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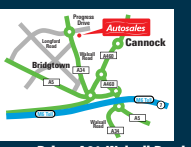

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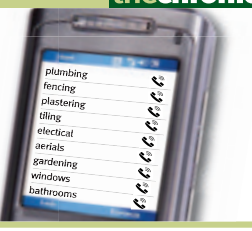

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Miles Griffiths in the Jim Robbins special at Goodwood

Griffiths at Goodwood alongside the legends

NORTON'S Miles Griffiths has become one of the youngest competitors in the legendary Goodwood Festival of Speed – and co-drove with two legends.

The 22-year-old took the wheel of the 1958 pole setting Jim Robbins special in the meeting's tribute to Indianapolis.

His co-drivers for the event were Indy heroes Bobby Rahal and Eddy Cheever.

Griffiths, who has been competing from the age of 10, is in action at the weekend in the pre-66 HGPCA F1 event at the Silverstone Classic.

He will be driving a Cooper T45 before venturing to the German Classic The Oldtimer GP at the Nurburgring.

Breeze for Bradley as Stour win again

Romsley & Hunnington (1pt) 91, Stourbridge (24pts) 92-3. Stourbridge won by seven wickets

THE WET weather didn't dampen Stourbridge spirits at Romsley as they rustled up a storm of their own to breeze past their hosts.

The hosts were skittled for 91 on a damp pitch and Stourbridge knocked off the runs despite an early wobble at 7-2.

Brisk bowling from James Musk claimed two early wickets Romsley wickets. Dave Jones then removed Javed before Kalpesh Patel ripped Cunningham from the crease.

Musk removed the dangerous Beaumont via a slip catch although a groin problem saw him replaced halfway through his ninth over. Bradley then claimed two wickets including Riaz, who looked well set for a big score, lbw for 17.

Mikesh Patel's flight and guile then finished the innings with two wickets.

Stourbridge lost an unhappy Bradley to an lbw decision and Game was bowled by the whippy Khan.

But Banks and skipper Richard Bradley put together a shotmaking 51 partnership before a snorter from Khan took Banks' glove on its way to the slips.

However, smooth cover drives from Bradley and fluid batting by Alexander took Stourbridge to victory in the 18th over.

Stourbridge (13pts) 158-7, Belbroughton (6pts) 141-8. Draw

Stourbridge seconds got marginally the better of a tight, rain-reduced match.

Belbroughton finished just 17 runs shy of Stour's total but equally had only two wickets in hand.

In a game reduced to 37 overs a side the in-form Ben Mantom batted beautifully on his way to 40 and may well have had reservations about the decision that cost his wicket.

Stourbridge were perhaps a touch disappointed with their 158-7.

James Winders bowled tremendously in the reply, taking 6-38 in his 11 overs including a spell at the end which caused the visitors to stutter and fall short of the Stourbridge total.

Old Elizabethans (4pts) 167, Stourbridge (20pts) 168-6. Stourbridge won by four wickets

Rapid bowling from Tom Game saw him take 5-32 and set up victory for the thirds. Consistent batting down the order saw them win by four wickets.

The fourths' game with Old Elizabethans was abandoned.

College's academy scheme gets under way

Academy boss Jerry Gill coaches the youngsters

STOURBRIDGE College have got to work on building a platform for football stars of the future.

It has launched an academy set-up in conjunction with Kidderminster Harriers, and nearly 70 teenagers have now been chosen.

All of them will get the chance to work with Harriers' players and management, who will spend a set number of hours each month working with the group at the club's Zortech Avenue training ground.

The students, aged 16 and over, combine football with a range of courses at the college, ranging from sports development and coaching all the way through to gym instruction and apprenticeships.

Their academic term officially starts at the beginning of September but the football has already begun, with former Blues defender Jerry Gill appointed academy boss last month.

And youth boss Gill believes the club will reap the dividends of the foundations they have put into place.

Nurture

He said: "We have a great mixture of talent to nurture in the run up to the start of the academic year at Stourbridge College. It's really exciting to launch a football academy, which is most certainly going to make an enormous contribution to the next generation of quality football players."

FIGHT BREAKS OUT IN THE FRIENDLY

Hednesford Town 1 Stourbridge 1

A SECOND-HALF goal apiece saw honours even after an aggressive "friendly" which featured a mass brawl.

The set-piece threat of Chris Clements saw The Pitmen go closest in the opening exchanges.

But with the home side complaining that rough treatment was being handed out to Jamie Osborne, a bad-tempered 20 minutes exploded with a mass brawl centring on ex-Hednesford midfielder Josh Craddock.

Both sets of teams had to be calmed down by their managers but following that flashpoint the home team looked on top.

Mark Danks brought an athletic fingertip save from the Glassboys' Todd Henderson who pushed the ball onto the upright on 37 minutes.

Positive

And Sam Smith made a desperate block to prevent Clements from scoring on the stroke of half-time.

The home side continued to play in a positive vein during the second period and Nick Wellecomme saw two good opportunities go begging.

But it was Marvin Robinson who opened the scoring on 70 minutes after a clever dummy by Danks let the striker in to finish with confidence.

But then it was Stourbridge's turn to pose a threat.

They hit back as Ryan Rowe equalised for them just six minutes later.

And the Glassboys could have taken victory in the dying minutes as Sean Geddes hit the crossbar from a tight angle.

Hednesford Town: Crane, Gomes, Campion, Bailey, Dunkley, Denny, Osbourne, Clements (Robinson 70), Wellecomme, Danks. Subs: Durrell, Nicholls.

Stourbridge: Henderson, Dyson, Lloyd, McCone, Smith, Bennett, Craddock, Mahon, Rowe, Billingham, Rock. Subs: Dovey, Edwards, Drake, Geddes, Plinstone, Worthington.

FIXTURES

August

13	**Chippenham Town**	**(H)**
16	Cirencester Town	(A)
20	Cambridge City	(A)
23	**Leamington**	**(H)**
27	**Arlesey Town**	**(H)**
29	Barwell FC	(A)

September

3	**Chesham United**	**(H)**
10	Hemel Hempstead T	(A)
13	Evesham United	(A)
17	FA Cup first qual. round	
24	**St Albans City**	**(H)**
27	**Evesham United (RIC preliminary round)**	**(H)**

October

1	FA Cup second qual. round	
4	**Banbury United**	**(H)**
8	Bashley	(A)
15	**Weymouth**	**(H)**
22	**Redditch United**	**(H)**
	FA Trophy first qual. round	
29	Oxford City	(A)

November

1	**Stourport Swifts RIC, if victorious in preliminary round**	**(H)**
5	FA Trophy second qual. round	
12	**Bedford Town**	**(H)**
14	Hitchin Town	(A)
19	**Frome Town**	**(H)**
26	AFC Totton	(A)

December

3	**Cambridge City**	**(H)**
10	Leamington	(A)
17	**Cirencester Town**	**(H)**
26	Redditch United	(A)
31	**Swindon Supermarine**	**(H)**

January

2	**Barwell**	**(H)**
7	Brackley Town	(A)
14	**Hemel Hempstead T**	**(H)**
21	Chesham United	(A)
28	Banbury United	(A)

February

4	**Evesham United**	**(H)**
11	St Albans City	(A)
18	**Bashley**	**(H)**
25	Weymouth	(A)

March

3	**Hitchin Town**	**(H)**
10	Bedford Town	(A)
17	**Oxford City**	**(H)**
24	Arlesey Town	(A)
31	**Brackley Town**	**(H)**

April

7	Swindon Supermarine	(A)
9	**Redditch United**	**(H)**
14	Chippenham Town	(A)
21	**AFC Totton**	**(H)**
28	Frome Town	(A)

Golden glow as judo star tackles Uzbek wrestling

JUDO star Sarah Biles took two medals in the London International Open championships – and two golds in an Uzbekistan wrestling competition!

The Kidderminster Samurai ace had a dream weekend in the judo contest and British Kurash championships, both held at the former Millenium Dome, now the O2 arena.

Kurash is a form of Russian wrestling from Uzbekistan which is similar in some ways to judo, and Samurai players have occasionally dabbled in Kurash events for variation.

Four tackled this competition. Matt Dutton had a good go but found the going hard, whilst Rob Alloway gained a bronze medal with some good work.

Meanwhile, Tom Walker was producing some spectacular throws. In the final he was up against a quality Uzbekistani and the clash of styles resulted in an engrossing and tight contest which Walker eventually lost on a single score, taking silver.

Biles started in the youth (under-20) section and eased her way to the final where she registered a high score against an Uzbek before finishing the contest in spectacular style.

Biles then tackled the senior section where a judo fourth dan and World Masters Champion stood in her way – albeit not for long – in the semi-final.

A maximum-point throw took her to the final where another clean throw earned Biles her second gold of the day.

Now it was time for judo, with Biles showing excellent tactical skills in a series of tough fights in the youth section.

Sarah Biles in the traditional Uzbek robe awarded to gold medallists in the event

She won all five without conceding a score to take her third gold in a day.

Biles then set a club record with a fourth medal the following day in the senior section. Wins in all four fights took her to the final against Emma Luxford, a British Olympic Squad member who had cut a swathe through her side of the draw.

Biles lost a tremendous contest in the golden score period.

Storms strike fixtures, but the leaders just mop up

GOOD covers and sound mopping up techniques were the order of the day as just 34 matches survived in the Worcestershire County Cricket League.

In Division One results once again went the way of Stourbridge and after an early morning weather scare they rolled over bottom side Romsley, ***writes Chris Marsh.***

Stour are now a commanding 53 points clear of the field after Nomads were thrashed by Oldswinford, thanks to 96 from 16-year-old Christy Kehoe and 7-38 from Seb Soukup.

The match between third and fourth-placed Pershore and Astwood found no winner despite Pershore's Ciaran Sanders taking 6-91 and teammate Dave White hitting 107.

Worcester drew with Pedmore and in the other games Droitwich just got the better of a draw with Bewdley and Bromyard lost on their travels again, this time at Redditch as the home side registered their first win of the campaign.

In Division Two all six matches fell victim to the weather so Hagley still lead Coombs Wood by seven.

Improve

Division Three leaders Rushwick lost at home to second-placed Alvechurch who have now closed the gap at the top to 21 points.

The other two matches played saw Stourport improve to third place, 34 behind Alvechurch, with a one-wicket win at home to Birlingham.

Enville are fourth as they leapfrogged Harborne and Harvington by beating the latter, also by one wicket, in a rain-shortened contest.

In Division Four Tenbury remain top after victory over Himley despite 135 from Waqas Ahmed.

Alveley went down to a five-wicket defeat at Barnards Green, while Canon Frome held out for a draw against Martley in the only other game completed.

Division Five had only two matches played and Ross won at Halesowen to overtake both them and Hanley.

The other game was a bottom of the table affair and Stourbridge came away with the points from Old Elizabethans.

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Last-gasp leveller for Robins

Dudley Town 2 Trysull 2

A LAST-GASP strike from trialist Richard Finch earned Dudley Town a hard-earned draw against First Division Trysull in an entertaining and at times bad-tempered affair.

Team boss Andy Burgess, fielding his first side since being promoted from assistant manager in June, was able to call on several new signings in an unfamiliar line up.

Dudley, playing at Lea Castle owing to the unavailability of The Dell, were the aggressors in the opening exchanges and as early as the second minute could have been ahead when Adam Cross's firm shot was blocked.

New signing Jermaine McFarlane was proving a handful on the left wing, creating several chances for the front line of Anthony Cox and Nikki Faux.

Cleared

However, miscommunication between the new team mates cost the Robins in the 21st minute as Trysull took the lead.

A spill by Cunningham was cleared by Richard Langford who could only find Trysull's Josh Wright who had a simple finish.

Last season's first choice keeper Matt Rodgers returned for the second half but his first task was to pick the ball out of the net on 49 minutes when Wright grabbed his second with a near-post header.

The introduction of Danny Bell and promising youngster Rion Francis-Mills livened up Dudley who hit the bar through fellow sub Shaun Jasper.

With the game starting to spill over after several nasty confrontations Dudley pulled a goal back on 86 minutes when Francis-Mills nipped in to score.

Then deep into stoppage time a neat lay-off from new-signing Lee Blake found trialist Finch whose thumping shot hit the net.

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